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OF

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LAND DEPARTMENT

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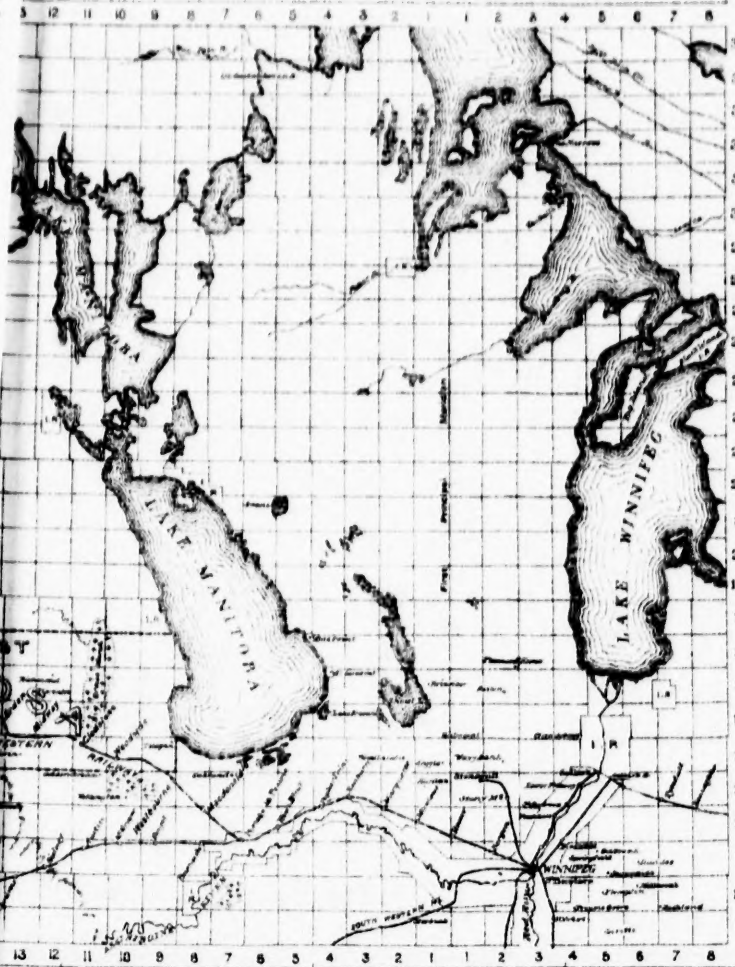

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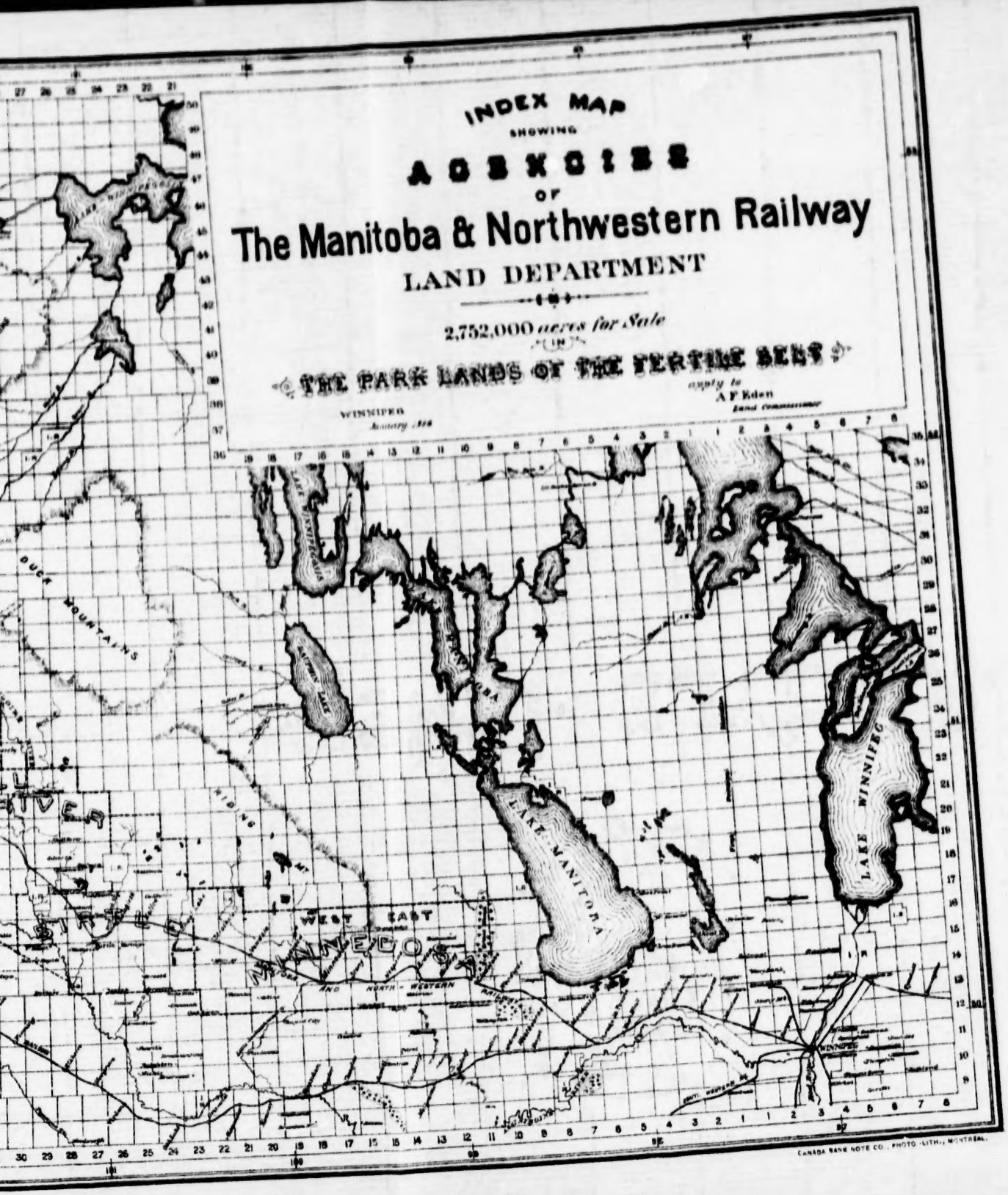

CANADA BANK NOTE CO., PHOTO-LITH., MONTREAL.

'It is perfectly extraordinary that the fertile land of this country, so full of promise of a rich return to the competent farmer, should be selling at present prices.'

Vide BISHOP OF RUPERT'S LAND'S

Charge to the Clergy of Diocese,

18th October, 1885.

"It may be as well to state that lands which can be had as a gift are not always "cheap, and lands which have to be purchased are not necessarily dear."

Vide PROF. TANNER'S

"Successful Emigration to Canada,

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INTRODUCTION.

The Manitoba and North-Western Railway Company of Canada is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada.

It has authority to construct and operate a line of railway from a junction with the Canadian Pacific Railway at the town of Portage la Prairie, 56 miles west of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, to the main Saskatchewan River at or near Prince Albert, a distance of about 430 miles.

The Company has already constructed and equipped and has now in operation 130 miles of its road from Portage le Prairie to Solsgirth, near the town of Birtle, and a further 50 miles of the road is located and will be built during 1886.

To assist this Railway the Dominion Government made a grant of land amounting to 6400 acres per mile, and by Order-in-Council set apart 2,752,000 acres for that purpose.

This land grant consists of some of the finest farming lands in Manitoba and the North-West, and extends from the shores of Lake Manitoba to the Quill Lakes, a distance of some 300 miles.

The nature of the country is undulating, well wooded and watered and the district through which the M. & N.W. Railway is projected to run is known as "The Park Lands of the Fertile Belt." North of the line of Railway a heavy belt of timber extends along the whole distance from Minnedosa to Prince Albert.

The country along the route of the Railway is thickly settled as far west as the Assiniboine River, and land is now being rapidly taken up in the adjoining Province of Assiniboia, beyond the western boundary of the Province of Manitoba, which is formed by the line between ranges 29 and 30.

Several colonization companies have started good settlements west of the Second Principal Meridian, and in ranges 1 to 4, townships 19 to 27, there is a very fair amount of settled land.

Prince Albert, the objective point of the Railway is an old and well settled district, and the town of that name on the North Saskatchewan River is assuming importance as a centre of trade, situated as it is on a navigable river, and surrounded by magnificent country.

It is unnecessary to quote from the many authorities who have written in favor of this stretch of country, as the settlers themselves

are the best proof of its adaptability for farming, and they are in the main contented and well to do. It is enough to mention the two following facts which occurred last year to show that it is a good country for both grain growing and cattle raising.

One of the best carloads of wheat graded at the Port of Winnipeg as Extra No. 1 hard, and weighing 65½ lbs to the bushel, was grown along the line of the M. & N.W. Railway, and at the Provincial Agricultural Show at Winnipeg in October last the first prizes for Shorthorn cattle were taken by the Binscarth farm near Birtle, and Lynch's farm near Westbourne, both places being on the line of this railway.

The country is divided into Municipalities as fast as settlement progresses sufficiently to warrant it. These municipal organizations take charge of roads and road repairs, and all matters of a local nature are administered by the Reeve and Council, who are each year elected by the people of the district.

Towns and villages are springing up along the line of the Railway, and the Company offer at all points a liberal rebate to purchasers of lots for building.

Capitalists will find plenty of chances for the safe investment of money to aid the development of this country. Mills, warehouses, stores, &c., are required at many new points along the Railway, and afford a good return for the capital invested.

The Sportsman will also find it to his advantage to pay a visit during the shooting season to this North-western country.

There is excellent shooting everywhere, in the woods and on the prairie, as may be seen by the following list of birds and animals to be found.

SMALL GAME.—Ducks, Geese, Partridges, Prairie Chickens, Pigeons, Cranes, Snipe, Plover, Rabbits, &c.

LARGE GAME.—Moose, Deer, Elk, Bear, and a large number of fur-bearing animals.

The rivers and lakes abound with fish.

From the detailed information contained in this book, under the heads of the various townships, the intending settler can select for himself a location or district, and thus avoid the waste of time and expense necessitated by travelling all over the country in search of land.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

STATIONS AND DISTANCES:

	Miles.
Portage la Prairie,	—
Macdonald,	10
Westbourne,	17
Woodside,	27
Gladstone,	35
Midway,	43
Arden,	52
Neepawa,	61
Bridge Creek,	70
Minnedosa,	79
Basswood,	89
Newdale,	97
Strathclair,	106
Shoal Lake,	115
Kelloe,	123
Solsgirth,	130

Solsgirth is about 7 miles north-east of Birtle.

To find distance from Winnipeg add to above distances 156 miles.

LIST OF POST OFFICES

Along the Line of the

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

See Agency Maps.

	Sec.	Tp.	R.	West of P.M.
Arden Station	13	15	14	1
Ardpatrick	30	27	29	1
Armstrong's Lake	12	25	3	2
Arrowton	36	14	25	1
Asessippi	4	23	28	1
Balmerino	3	19	28	1
Beulah	4	15	26	1
Binscarth	35	19	28	1
Birtle	6	17	26	1
Blake	23	15	12	1
Boakview	16	23	2	2
Bridge Creek	3	15	16	1
Cadurcis	1	15	19	1
Castleavery	28	24	29	1
Clan William	7	16	17	1
Crescent Lake	18	23	3	2
Crewe	28	17	28	1
Eden	22	16	15	1
Fairmount	10	16	19	1
Florenta	12	16	13	1
Fort Ellice	5	17	28	1
Gladstone	30	14	11	1
Glendale	5	14	16	1
Golden Stream	35	13	11	1
Kinbrae	20	21	1	2
Lansburn	18	18	26	1
Longfleet	34	17	26	1
Marney	2	16	22	1
Mekiwin	16	14	13	1
Minnedosa	1	15	18	1
Moline	20	14	20	1
Murchison	2	16	17	1
Mininska	30	21	27	1
Neepawa	33	14	15	1
Newdale	30	15	20	1
Oakburn	30	18	23	1
Oak River	3	14	22	1
Odanah	10	15	18	1
Orange Ridge	5	17	14	1
Orrwold	24	15	25	1
Osprey	34	13	15	1
Redpath	2	20	32	1
Richmond	28	16	12	1
Rocanville	16	17	31	1
Rossburn	25	19	25	1
Raven Lake	19	16	23	1
Salisbury	19	15	14	1
Shoal Lake	9	17	23	1
Strathclair	25	17	22	1
Sumner	4	20	1	2
Seeburn	32	19	26	1
Silver Creek	22	20	27	1
Shell River (Russell)	3	21	28	1
Shellmouth	32	22	29	1
Toddburn	30	18	25	1
Totogan	35	14	9	1
Totonka	30	14	21	1
Viola Dale	36	14	23	1
Wallace	19	27	2	2
Warleigh	30	16	25	1
Wattsview	30	16	27	1
Westbourne	27	13	19	1
Woodside	17	14	10	1
Yorkton	12	26	4	2

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Sec.	Tp.	R.	West of P.M
30	21	27	1
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30	15	20	1
30	18	23	1
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34	13	15	1
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16	17	31	1
25	19	25	1
19	16	23	1
19	15	14	1
9	17	23	1
25	17	22	1
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32	19	26	1
22	20	27	1
3	21	28	1
32	22	29	1
30	18	25	1
35	14	9	1
30	14	21	1
36	14	23	1
19	27	2	2
30	16	25	1
30	16	27	1
27	13	9	1
17	14	10	1
12	26	4	2

AGENCIES OF THE M. & N. W. RAILWAY LAND DEPARTMENT.

Settlers can purchase land from the agents of the Company at the following places, but the sales require confirmation by the Head Office, from which office all receipts for payments are issued

MINNEDOSA,—	lands in	Minnedosa Agency,	East and West.
BIRTLE,—	"	Birtle	"
RUSSELL,—	"	Shell River	"
YORKTON,—	"	Yorkton	"

DOMINION GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICES.

MINNEDOSA—Little Saskatchewan District, Tps, north of and including 13, Ranges 9 to 22.

BIRTLE—Birtle District, Tps. north of and including 13, Ranges 23 to 2nd P.M.

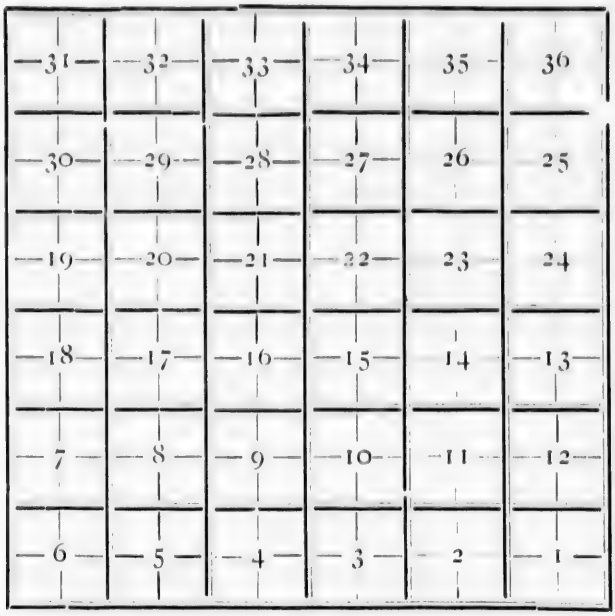
REGINA—QuAppelle District, Tps. 10 to 23, Ranges 1 to 30 west of 2nd P. M.

TOUCHWOOD—Touchwood District, Tps. 24 to 31, Ranges 1 to 30 west of 2nd P. M.

NOTE.—Maps showing settlement, list of lands open for entry along the line of the Manitoba & North-Western Railway, and all other information can be had by applying at the office of the Company, 622 Main Street, Winnipeg.

NORTH.

WEST.



EAST.

SOUTH.

SYSTEM OF SURVEY.

The country is laid off in townships six miles square, containing thirty-six sections of 640 acres each, which are again subdivided into quarter sections of 160 acres.

The sections are apportioned as follows:

OPEN FOR HOMESTEADS AND PRE-EMPTIONS:
2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36

BELONGING TO M. & N.W. RAILWAY:
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 35.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY: 8 and 26.

SCHOOL SECTIONS: 11 and 29, Reserved by Government for school purposes.

LAND EXAMINATIONS, M. & N. W. RY.

The lands of this Company have been thoroughly examined by competent men, who made accurate diagrams of each section, showing form and location of every lake, pond, river, creek, and probable depth thereof, marsh, meadow, swamp, bluff, hill or valley, timber, brush and clear prairie, and also a written description as to surface, soil, &c., as follows:

Section 23, Township 21, Range 30 west of the first P.M.

Surface—Undulating in south; rolling in north. Smith's Creek, which crosses north half is about 7 feet wide and 2 deep; banks are about 30 feet high.

Soil—South half, 10 to 20 inches deep rich sandy loam on clay and gravelly clay subsoil. Rates 1. North half on and near banks of creek and lake, and in rolling land between, top soil is sandy, with sandy clay subsoil. Rates 1½.

Timber—There are on W & N of section numerous bluffs of poplar, and willow scrub. S. E. quarter is clear. Would cut about NW 50 cords and 750 rails. SW 50 cords and 1000 rails. NE 30 cords.

Water—In lake fair water about 6 feet deep, about a foot of water in one or two small sloughs.

Grass—Good growth. In valley of creek a good growth of meadow grass, would cut a considerable quantity of good hay. Also some good hay at west end of lake and around the small sloughs shown.

Stone, &c.—Boulders along bed of creek, small stones and gravel in banks.

Improvements—None.

Area of Clear Prairie—N.W. quarter, 90 acres; N.E. quarter, 125 acres; S.W. quarter, 135 acres; S.E. quarter, 130 acres.

General Remarks—S. half very good farm land. N. half is picturesque. E. side land is good, in centre gravelly. Valley of creek on NW is good for stock.

These diagrams and written descriptions of all the Railway lands can be seen at the offices of the Company,

622 MAIN STREET, WINNIPEG.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

OF CANADA.

LAND REGULATIONS.

The lands within the Grant to the Railway Company will be disposed of under the following regulations:

PRICE.

The price of land, with or without cultivation conditions, may be obtained from the Land Commissioner at Winnipeg, and is regulated by its location and the quality of the soil.

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

If paid for in full at the time of purchase, a discount will be allowed, but the purchaser may pay one-sixth in cash, and the balance in five annual instalments, with interest at six per cent. per annum payable in advance.

REBATE.

A Rebate of half the price of the land brought under cultivation will be allowed on the following conditions:

1. The purchaser will not be entitled to rebate unless at the time of purchase he enters into an undertaking to cultivate the land.

2. No rebate will be allowed for land cultivated in excess of half of the land contracted for.

3. At least one-tenth of the whole quantity purchased shall be cultivated during each of the first three years, and a declaration, that such cultivation has been done, must be fyled at the time of the payment of each instalment.

4. The rebate will be allowed at the time of the payment of the fourth annual instalment, (after which time no privilege as to rebate will be granted,) and if it amounts to more than such instalment the excess will be applied towards reducing the last payment.

5. When a purchaser fails to carry out fully the conditions as to cultivation within the time named, he will be required to pay the full purchase price on all the land contracted for, but if, from causes beyond his control, proved to the satisfaction of the Land Commissioner, a settler so fails, he may be allowed the rebate on the land actually cultivated during the four years, on payment of the balance due.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

All sales are subject to the following general conditions.

1. All improvements placed upon the land purchased to be maintained thereon until final payment has been made.

2. All taxes and assessments lawfully imposed upon the land or improvements to be paid by the purchaser.

3. The Company reserves the right to take, without remuneration, a strip or strips of land 150 feet wide, to be used for right of way of the Railway or any of its branches, wherever the same shall be located.

For further particulars apply to

A. F. EDEN,

Land Commissioner.

WINNIPEG, 1st Jany, 1886.

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Blake
Salisbury
Neepawa
Eden
Meleuna
Gladstone
Totogan
Dead Horse
Muskrat River
Minnedosa River
Minnedosa
N.&N.-W. Rt. Lands for Sale
School Houses

REPORTS ON TOWNSHIPS.

COMPILED FROM DOMINION GOVERNMENT SURVEYORS' REPORTS,

—AND—

MANITOBA & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY LAND EXAMINATION REPORTS.

MINNEDOSA AGENCY (EAST).

RANGE 9, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

Municipality of Westbourne, County of Westbourne.

TP. 14. This township is well suited for agricultural purposes The timber is chiefly small poplar, through which frequent fires have passed. It is in general valuable only for roofing houses and firewood; but towards the north there is some fit for lumber. Totogan P. O. is on Sec. 35. The railway touches the extreme south-west corner of the township. The station of WESTBOURNE is two miles south of this township. No land open for homestead entry.

TP. 15. Lies on the western shore of Lake Manitoba. The soil appears to be mixed with shale and gravel. Along the Big Grass Marsh there is a large quantity of good hay lands. The southern part of this township is good. The east part is broken by Lake Manitoba. In the northern part is quite a forest of really first-class poplar. Lakeside school house is on Section 20. Most of the Government sections are entered for.

TP. 16. The soil, although shallow, is of very good quality especially on the lake shore where there is some excellent hay land. Along the southern and part of the western outlines first class poplar is to be found in good quantity. The greater part of the rest of

the township is covered with dead poplar, with willow bru together with occasional bluffs of green poplar. In the west th are numerous very bad muskegs. A good many sections of Gove ment land still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 17. Is similar to the preceding township in soil and timb Nearly all the Government land still open for homestead entry.

Range 10, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Westbourne, County of Westbourne.

Tp 14. This township offers great inducement to the settler. soil is in most places a very rich and deep black mould resting o marl subsoil. There is plenty of timber for fencing and fuel. building purposes, good poplar and oak timber may be obtain along the banks of the White Mud River. The railway ru through the south half of this township, and Woodside Station on Section 16. There is a P. O. at same place. Woodside sch house is on Section 10. This township is well settled.

Tp. 15. The western part is broken by the Big Grass Mar The remainder is land of second-class quality, near the marsh bea alternate ridges of gravel and long narrow muskegs. To the ea ward it is better, but, however, not first-class for farming purpo Near the north-east corner there is some fine poplar timber. Sou half is well settled. North half still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 16. The surface, soil and timber are the same as in the fo going township Nearly all the government land is still open f homestead entry.

Tp. 17. Like the other townships in the vicinity, is composed bluffs of green poplar and small patches of hay land and of popl woods which were burnt over some few years ago. To the west the Big Grass Marsh, along the edge of which is a large quantity excellent hay land. The soil, though perhaps not superior aral land, would be well adapted for pasturage. All the Governme land is open for homestead entry.

Range 11, West of First Meridian.

Tp. 14. Is well suited for settlement. The soil is excellent. Water is abundant and good. Timber is plentiful, and distributed in belts and groves all through the township. The White Mud River passes along the northern part of the township. A chain of small lakes, the water of which is good, stretch along the southern part. The railway runs through the north half of this township, and the town of Gladstone is on section 30. Palestine school house is on Section 24. All the Government land is entered for.

Gladstone.—This place claims a population of 350. Has a weekly newspaper, "Gladstone Age." Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and Public School, Telegraph and Post Office.

Tp. 15. Is well adapted for agricultural purposes, having excellent hay land. Portions of the ground are covered with clumps of willow bushes and poplars. No land open for homestead entry.

Tp. 16. The northern part of this township is mostly prairie—the southern part alternate clumps of willow, poplar, and patches of prairie. Soil good for agricultural purposes. About half of this township is a marsh. A great deal of drainage has been done, and the marsh is drying up and making excellent hay land. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 17. The easterly half lies in Big Grass Marsh. The southern part is beautiful prairie. The northerly is traversed by the Big Grass River, whose banks are lined with thick oak, elm and maple, &c., providing a considerable quantity of wood for fuel and other purposes, and making the township a desirable location for the intending settler. Several sections still open for homestead entry.

Range 12, West of First Meridian.

Tp. 14. This township is well adapted for settlement. The soil is a rich loam, mostly dry and arable. The White Mud River flows across the township from west to east. The water is excellent in quality. Timber is abundant—suitable for building and fencing purposes. The railway line runs across the north boundary of this

township. Livingston school house is on Section 24. There are only two quarter sections open for homestead entry.

Tps. 15 & 16. Are generally well adapted for agricultural purposes. In the centre of township number sixteen there is a large belt of heavy poplar timber, and in the south-west corner of township number fifteen there is a considerable quantity of wood land. The railway runs through the southern tier of sections in township fifteen. Blake school house is on section twenty-two and Blake P. O. is on section twenty-three, township fifteen, Richmond P. O. on section twenty-eight, Soudan school house on section five and Richmond school house on section twenty, township sixteen. Both townships are well settled, but some cancelled land could be re-entered for.

Tp. 17. Is well watered by a small river, and the soil is of the best quality. There is scarcely enough of wood, but a thrifty young growth, at present from six to ten feet in height, will, if protected from the ravages of fire, in a few years make ample provision for fuel and farming purposes. Tupper school house is on section twenty. Four or five sections still open for homestead entry.

Range 13, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Lansdowne, County of Beautiful Plains.

Tp. 14. Is very well adapted for agricultural purposes. The soil in the valley of White Mud River, which crosses the township diagonally from west to east, is very rich, and timber can be found in sufficient quantity to meet the wants of the settler. Mekiwin P.O. is on section sixteen. Midway station is on N.W. quarter thirty-six. The railway line runs along the north of this township. Ayr school house is on section fifteen. There are a few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 15. The soil is generally a light sandy loam. The land is in most places level. A few gravel ridges run in a north-westerly direction across it. On sections six, seven and eighteen there are a considerable quantity of large poplars. The timber in the rest of

the township is suitable for fencing and fuel. The White Mud River passes through section six. It contains an abundant supply of excellent water. The railway runs along the south line of sections. Roseridge school house is on section twenty. This township is well settled.

Tp. 16. The soil is generally of an inferior quality, being light sandy loam. In many places in the north-west quarter of the township the soil does not exceed six inches in depth, the sub-soil being composed of gravel and boulders. The timber is of very little value except for fuel. Fencing and building timber can be procured at the Riding Mountain, some fifteen miles distant. Florenta P. O. is on section twelve. Florence school house is on section twenty-three. Nearly all the government land is entered for, but there is some good cancelled land.

Tp. 17. The soil is of light sandy loam. The land, excepting two small gravel ridges, which run in a north-westerly direction across it, is level. The marshes produce good hay. A good deal of Government land is still open for homestead entry.

Range 14, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Osprey, County of Beautiful Plains.

Tp. 14. The soil is of an inferior quality. There are some valleys of second class land, but in the south the township is broken by sand hills. The surface partly prairie and partly timbered with poplar and oak, in some places of good quality. There are many swamps, but no streams. Drumfries school house is on section seven, and Union school house on section thirty. The north half is well settled.

Municipality of Lansdowne, County of Beautiful Plains.

Tp. 15. Is excellent farming land, with the exception of that portion lying east of the Beautiful Plain Ridge and sections six, seven and eighteen, where the soil is a light sandy loam. The White Mud River, with several other small streams passing eastward through

this township, give an unlimited supply of excellent water. The marshy land along the streams produce a rank growth of hay. Large ash, oak, elm and maple are found skirting the banks of the White Mud River. This, with a few groves of poplar, is the only timber in this township available for building purposes. Salisbury P.O. is on section nineteen, and Salisbury school house on section twenty-one. ARDEN Station and P. O. is on section thirteen. The railway runs across this township, which is well settled.

TP. 16. West of the Beautiful Plain Ridge; this township is all excellent farming land, and owing to its proximity to the Riding Mountain, where fencing and building timber can be procured, is well suited for immediate settlement. This township is nearly all covered with willow and small poplar, the most of which has been destroyed by fire. Glenholme school house is on section twenty-one. A few quarter sections open for homestead entry.

TP. 17. The westerly half of this township contains some excellent farming land. It is nearly all covered with rose and willow bushes and small poplar. The eastern portion of the township is intersected with small gravel ridges. The soil is a light and sandy loam. This portion of the township has no timber of any value, except for fuel. A large marsh is formed near the centre of the township by the spreading out of the waters of two large streams flowing eastward from the Riding Mountains. Those streams supply an abundance of excellent water. Portions of the marshy land produce an excellent growth of hay. Building timber can be obtained at a distance of about two miles. Orange Ridge P.O. is on section five. A good many sections still open for homestead entry.

RANGE 15, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

E half Municipality of Osprey, W half Municipality of Glendale, County of Beautiful Plains.

TP. 14. Is well watered by White Mud River and its branches. The soil is generally of a rich sandy nature, excellent for the growth of grain and root crops. About one-half is well wooded with poplar

and other kinds of wood of small growth. NEEPAWA station and Post office are on section thirty-three. Stony Creek school house is on section thirty and Osprey school house on section four. All the government land in this township is entered for.

NEEPAWA is the county town and has county buildings. A weekly paper, the "Neepawa Register" is published here. The population is 300. There is a Methodist and Presbyterian Church in the town and a public school. There is a good grain warehouse at the station.

Municipality of Rosedale, County of Beautiful Plains.

TP. 15. The soil is of a sandy loam, traversed from north to south by high sand ridges, covered with short grass, high willow, rose bush, hazel, and a few scattered clumps of poplar. There are several creeks which are dry during the summer. The railway runs across the south-east corner of this township. Mountain View school house is on section 21. All the Government land is entered for.

TP. 16. This township is situated at the eastern base of the Riding or Dauphin Mountain, taking in a considerable portion of the mountain in the north-west. Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32 are heavily wooded with large maple and poplar, fit for all building purposes, with large grey willow and a few tamarac and stunted oak. These woods are made almost impenetrable by wild hop, ivy and grape vines, raspberry bushes, &c. The township generally is covered with a dense growth of hazel, willow, rosebush and cherry. Vetches abound. It is well watered by many small brooks, affording the best of water, which can also be obtained almost anywhere with very little digging. The soil is a rich black loam, with a substratum of white clay. The township is traversed from north-west to south-east by several high gravel ridges, covered with a short grass. Some good large patches of hay land are to be found in the bottoms. This township is one of the most desirable in this country for the purposes of settlement—good wood, soil, hay and water. Eden P. O. is on section twenty-two. Acton school house is on section 4. All the Governmentland is entered for.

Tp. 17. The two eastern tiers of sections are low—generally we covered with a dense thicket of alder and willow, the soil being r and deep. In the third tier of sections the Riding Mountains be to rise at a steep incline for about half a mile, on the crest of wh is a plateau, generally rising towards the west for about one n and a half, where another steep incline occurs. The western part intersected by tortuous and rugged ravines, averaging from 400 600 feet deep, at the bottom of which run rapid and never fail streams of good water. The soil on the mountains is very thin, averaging more than four inches in depth, being of a fine, rich, v etable mould. The subsoil is shale and gravel. The plateaux h rolling surface, and are thickly timbered with valuable poplar, and oak. The township is, on the whole, better suited for lumb ing than agricultural purposes. The south half is well settled.

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MINNEDOSA AGENCY, (WEST.)

RANGE 16, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

Municipality of Glendale, County of Beautiful Plains.

TP. 14. The surface is rolling and the most part of it clear prairie, except on the western side, where it is very well wooded with small poplar, cherry and willow, none large enough for building purposes. The soil throughout is good The White Mud River runs through the north-east sections. Its water is excellent, and water can be had in any of the sections by digging from three to six feet. Glendale P. O. is on section five. Glendale school house is on section 21. All the government land in this township is entered for.

Municipality of Rosedale, County of Beautiful Plains.

TP. 15. The surface of this township is gently rolling with a general slope to the south, broken by numerous sloughs and meadows. The soil is a rich, sandy loam, on a clay subsoil. Sections nineteen, thirty-one, and part of thirty-three are timbered with poplar, some of which is of fair size. The rest of the township is all more or less scattered over with scrub, light in some parts, in others dense. There are one or two small creeks, containing a little running water, and in the sloughs the water is from one to three feet deep, all of a good quality. The growth of grass on upland (where open) is good, and in meadows and around marshes hay may be cut. The greater part of scrub could be easily cleared, and the township would then be an excellent one for general farming. The M. & N. W. Railway crosses the south tier of sections, BRIDGE CREEK station being on SW qr. section six. Bridge Creek P.O. is on section three. Springhill school house is on section thirty-four, and Iroquois school house is near Stony Creek. All the government land appears to be taken up by a good class of settlers.

Tp. 16. This township is situate entirely in the Riding Mountain. Although generally hilly, with numerous gullies and ravines, mu of the sections are quite flat and would be suitable for settlemen In the eastern half the timber is of large size, much of it averagin twenty inches in diameter; poplar, oak and white birch with mu willow brush. The entire township is well watered, the strea running all summer. The colony of New Hungary is situated the Valley of Stony Creek, about seventeen Hungarian famili having taken up land there. There are a few English settlers in t north half of the township.

Tp. 17. On the slope of the Riding Mountains, well watered throug out, good building timber, in some parts the land is of the best qua ity of black loam. Nearly all the Government land is open f entry.

Range 17, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Odanah, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 14. The surface is undulating, the bottoms being swampy an the tops of the hills gravelly and stony; the soil on the slopes tolerably good. There are many small shallow lakes and ponds i the western part, the water of most of them being very bitter, but few are to be found with good fresh water. About one-third of t area is timbered with poplar, balm of Gilead and a few oaks. T remainder is covered with scrub and grey willow, and reeds a bulrushes in the swamps. Nearly all the Government land entered for.

Tp. 15. The surface of this township is gently rolling, with slo to west and south, and, except along the north and south-east, covered with dense scrub and timber, with many open water pon and meadows. The soil is good, except in a few places. It is mos ly a black sandy loam, about twelve inches deep, on gravelly cla subsoil. A great quantity of rails and firewood can be cut. T grass on the open land is uniformly good, and there is plenty meadow hay. The east half of Section 1, and S. W. ¼ of Section 3 are the most desirable farm lands at present, but all will be goo when cleared. Stony Creek runs through some of the easterly se

tions. It is about ten feet wide and one foot deep. The Railway line traverses the southerly tier of sections. Clanwilliam school house is on section 31. All the Government land is entered for.

Municipality of Clanwilliam, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 16. Surface is gently rolling, with small ponds and sloughs, and the north and east of the township is covered with bluffs of poplar and scrub. Slopes strongly to south and has numerous shallow coulees or natural drains, which afford a ready means of drainage. The soil is all good, being a rich, sandy loam on clay subsoil. There is a quantity of meadow land, scattered over the township. An abundant supply of fuel, fencing and building material is to be found in the wooded portion, and water is easily obtained. Several sections are very well suited for mixed farming. Murchison P.O. and Bethany school house are on section two, and Clanwilliam P.O. on seven, and Holland school house on section 22. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 17. Is chiefly timbered with very small poplar, spruce, grey willow and tamarac, of little use except for firewood. The soil is usually good. The surface is rolling and somewhat rough. There are many musk gs and small lakes, with some fine living springs. The township is well timbered and well watered. It could be brought under a good state of cultivation. This township forms part of the colony of New Sweden, and is being settled by Scandinavians.

Range 18, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Odanah, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 14. The surface is generally rolling, and for the most part the soil is of excellent quality. There are no running streams, but water is readily found by digging from three to ten feet deep. A small portion is prairie, the remainder is covered with small and scrubby poplar and willows, but no timber of any kind large enough for building is to be found. All the government land is entered for

Tp. 15. Is well wooded and watered, the Little Saskatchewan River winding from its northern to its southern limit in a lovely valley. There are several beautiful small lakes; the waters for the most part are good, although some few are alkaline. Also abundance of good hay land. The railway line runs across the south half of this township, and the station of MINNEDOSA is on section two. Odanah P.O. is on section ten.

MINNEDOSA. This town has a population of about eight hundred. Has two sawmills, one flour mill, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist churches and Public School, two elevators with capacity of 80,000 bushels, telegraph and Post Office. The "Minnedosa Tribune" is published every week. The town is well supplied with butchers, bakers, and general stores. The Dominion Land office for the Little Saskatchewan District is stationed here, and the Government contemplate the erection of an Immigrant House.

Municipality of Clanwilliam, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 16. Is mostly rolling scrubby prairie, broken on the south-west quarter by the valley of the Little Saskatchewan River, which presents some good mill sites. The railway lands for sale have all good soil, it being a rich, sandy loam, on clay and gravelly clay subsoil. Plenty of wood all over township, water in abundance in small lakes and splendid meadow land in valley. All the sections have enough clear land for a start, and the brush could be easily cleared. Rose bush, peavine and vetches abound in this district, and game of all kinds is very plentiful. There is an English church on section thirty-six, and Lakelet school house is on section 25. All the government land appears to be entered for.

Tp. 17. Rolling land, well supplied with water, many of the sections containing a lake or a portion of one. There is a good deal of heavy timber, consisting largely of birch, poplar and willow mixed. The soil is excellent and deep. This township forms part of the colony of New Sweden, which is being settled by Scandinavians.

RANGE 19, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

Municipality of Saskatchewan, County of Minnedosa.

TP. 14. The surface is undulating; the soil good; about one-third is covered with scrub and a few small poplar bluffs. Swamps and small alkaline lakes are numerous. The Little Saskatchewan flows in a southerly direction through the eastern part. It has a rapid current, and is well adapted for mill sites. Fish, such as pike, gold-eye, suckers, chub, &c., are plentiful in its waters. The valley of the river is about one mile in width, enclosed by hills nearly 100 feet high. All the government land is entered for.

TP. 15. Of the unsold lands in this township N.E. quarter seventeen, West half twenty-one, and N.E. quarter twenty-five are gently undulating, open prairie; and twenty-three bushy. Repeated testings of soil show a rich, black, sandy loam, 10 to 20 inches deep on clay subsoil. The first three have nice small lakes, good grass, and are free from scrub and in every way desirable for farming. These lands will no doubt be much sought after. There are several small lakes, also two of considerable size. One in the centre of the township is alkaline, the other, Long Lake, is only slightly bitter. Cadurcis P.O. is on section one, and Cadurcis school house on section twelve. The railway runs in a north-westerly direction across the township, and BASSWOOD station is on section twenty-eight. All the government land is entered for.

Municipality of Harrison, County of Minnedosa.

TP. 16. The Little Saskatchewan River flows from west to east across the north half of the township in a broad valley 200 feet deep. It is mostly along the banks of or in this valley that the railway lands lie. The surface of all is more or less broken, and the greater part is covered with small poplar and scrub. The soil on uplands and in valley is good sandy loam on clay subsoil, but on the banks is mixed with a good deal of gravel. Some good meadow land in valley, and the upland grass is good. All the sections are

suitable for farming, and section twenty-seven would do nicely for stock. Fairmount P.O. and school house are on section ten. The township is well settled.

Tp. 17. The township is well timbered with the following kinds, viz: Poplar, White Birch, Grey Willow, and a few Spruce, useful for firewood, fencing and general purposes. Regarding soil the township in the main is of good quality, being clay sub-soil and loam on top. With regard to lakes and muskegs there are quite a number of them, very few of the lakes having any connection with others by streams. In fact the only stream worthy of mention is called "Whirlpool River," which enters north-east portion and runs south through the east sections for the length of the township, in several places affording good mill sites. The water is fresh and of good quality. Taking the township as a whole, the soil is good, well watered, well timbered, and could be brought easily under a good state of cultivation. The east half of this township is an Indian Reserve; the west half is open for homestead entry.

Range 20, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Saskatchewan, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 14. The surface is undulating prairie, and the soil good. There are a few small bluffs of poplar. Alkaline lakes are numerous. Good water may be had by sinking a few feet. There are some fresh water ponds and numerous small meadows. It is a fair township for farming. Moline P.O. is on section twenty and Weir school house on section thirty-three. All the government land in this township is entered for.

Tp. 15. This township is undulating to rolling, a good deal broken on east half by large marshes and lakes to which there is generally good fall; the general fall where noticeable is to the south-east. Over all parts both soil and grass are of the best, but water in a good many marshes is slightly alkaline, causing a poor growth of hay on otherwise good places for it. All things considered, this township is a good one for mixed farming, and the settlers now residing in it

are of the most desirable class. Newdale school house is on section thirty, and Raven Glen P.O. on section eight. The railway crosses the extreme north-east corner of the township. All the government land is entered for.

Municipality of Harrison, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 16. It is composed of first-class land, rolling prairie, with considerable hay land, not well watered or timbered, except the northern tier of sections, through which the Little Saskatchewan River runs. The railway runs across the south-west corner of this township, and NEWDALE station and P.O. are on section eight. Harrison school house is on section eighteen, and Rosemount school house on section thirty-six. All the government land in this township is entered for.

Tp. 17. The township is all timber land, principally poplar and of the largest size, especially in the north four tiers of sections. There are also numerous lakes throughout the township. The soil is second class. There are large patches of grass land in many places throughout the township. The government land in this township is not yet taken up.

RANGE 21, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

Municipality of Blanchard, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 14. The soil is first-class. About one-third of the township is timbered with poplar. The remainder is prairie, and is well watered by ponds and marsh springs. Totonka P.O. is on section thirty. All the government land is entered for.

Tp. 15. The surface is undulating prairie; the soil rather gravelly. Small patches of bush are very frequent, and there are several clumps of dry poplar and willow. Swamps are numerous but small. There is a pond of good water in section thirty-four. Rosedale school house is on section nineteen. All the government land is entered for.

Municipality of Strathclair, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 16. Surface of this township is rolling open prairie, or a succession of low hills with sloughs and ponds lying in most of the hollows. Water is of good quality and soil first-class, being a rich loam from ten to twenty inches deep on a clay and gravelly clay subsoil, but owing to rough surface and numerous sloughs the land is better adapted for mixed farming and grazing than for exclusive grain raising. Grass is very heavy and large quantities of hay can be cut around the marshes. The railway runs across the township. All the Government land is entered for.

Tp. 17. About one third is prairie, and one-sixth is partial prairie and what is usually called scrub, being covered with brush of willows both small and great, with hazel and young poplar, some burned and some green, interspersed with small patches of prairie. One-half of the township is covered with large poplar, and about equally divided between burnt and green timber. The soil is first-class throughout the whole township, except on the sides of the steep banks bounding the river valley. These hills are dry and gravelly, averaging from 150 to 200 feet in height. There is a considerable area of meadow land along the river in this township. There is one lake of considerable size, which is the only one surveyed, the water of which is brackish and very unpalatable, but there are two very fine springs at the south-east end of it. Elgin school house is on section seventeen. A few quarter sections open for entry in the north half.

Tp. 18. About one-fourth of its area is partial prairie, which is along both banks of the river Saskatchewan. The other three fourths may be considered in a woody condition. The timber around the lakes in the N.E. and in N.W. corners is of a large growth, poplar and some white birch is green, healthy and flourishing. There are several lakes in this township, some fifteen or sixteen of which are surveyed. The water of most of them is fresh and good, and one especially, a large one called Fishing Lake, in the N. E. corner has a fine sandy beech, the water is deep and of the best quality

for use, and abounds with fish. The soil is first-class except the level land along the river, which is gravelly and light. The river is rapid in many places in its course through this township. On section thirty-four, at the old H. B. Co. post, Mr Campbell has a fine farm and several head of Highland cattle which remain out all winter without shelter. His sheep are also flourishing. An Indian reserve is situated in the centre of this township. A few quarter sections of Government land are still open for entry.

Range 22, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Blanchard, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 14. Is well wooded and watered. The timber is poplar, large enough for building purposes. The greater part of the surface is rolling prairie, the timber being scattered over it in small clumps. The soil is excellent. Oak River runs diagonally across the township. Oak River P.O. is on section three, and Oak River school house on section four. All the Government land in this township is entered for.

Tp. 15. Is principally prairie, with good soil, although gravelly in places. In some places there are small islands of poplar. There are numerous and good hay swamps. Oak River flows through the south-westerly part of the township in a stony valley. All the Government land in this township is entered for.

Municipality of Strathclair, County of Minnedosa.

Tp. 16. The lands open for sale are rolling prairie, slightly scrubby. Test pits dug show soil to be a black sandy loam six to twenty-four inches deep, on clay subsoil. A salt lake about three miles long runs north and south through centre of township, and along east side of this there are numerous poplar groves. All the lands are suitable for mixed farming. Marney P.O. is on section two, and Salt Lake school house is on section twenty-three. The railway crosses the north-east corner of the township, and STRATHCLAIR station

is on section thirty-five. All the Government land in this township is entered for.

Tp. 17. Rolling prairie, dotted over with sloughs and clumps of scrub. Sloughs are shallow with good water and meadow around edges. The soil is all good, being a sandy loam six to twenty-four inches deep, on clay subsoil. Excellent grass on uplands. Salt Lake takes up a part of sections four and nine. Village of STRATHCLAIR is on section twenty-five, has grist and saw mill and post office. Strathclair school house is on section twenty-three. Township is well settled and altogether is a desirable locality.

Tp. 18. The south-western portion of the township is a fine prairie with rolling and undulating surface, having only two or three lakes. The northern part is covered with what may be called a heavy brush. This township abounds in small swamps or meadows which will be very useful to the settlers. The small openings in the scrub land give excellent pasturage. The soil may be designated as first-class throughout. Elphinstone school house is on section twelve. There are a few quarter sections open for entry in the north half of the township.

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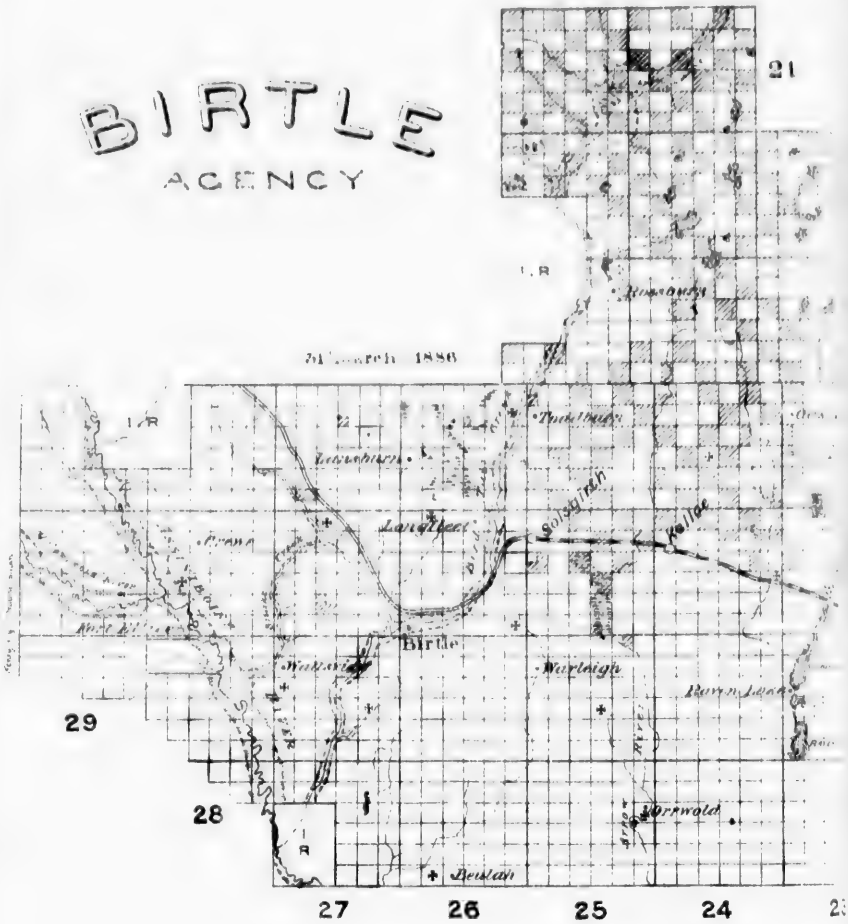

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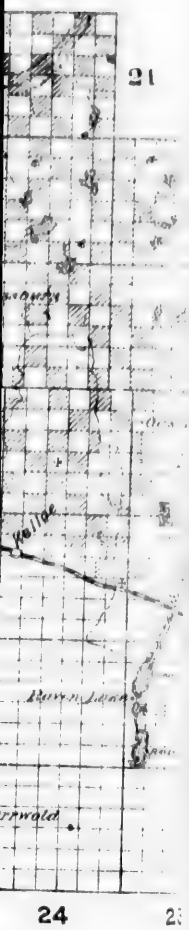


BIRTLE AGENCY.

Range 23, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Oak River, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 15. The surface is undulating prairie with small bluffs of poplar. The soil is good and there are many ponds, and good fresh water may also be had by sinking wells. All the Government land is entered for.

Municipality of Shoal Lake, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 16. The soil is a black sandy loam, gravelly in places. The surface is undulating, principally prairie, with numerous small clumps of brush and islands of poplar. Shoal and Raven Lakes (which abound with fish) lie on the westerly part. The water in both of these lakes is good. Raven Lake occupies parts of sections five, six, seven and eight. Along the east shore there is a firm, gravelly or sandy beach. Along the south shore there is some good poplar timber. The road from Minnedosa to Birtle runs between Shoal and Raven Lakes, and the south end of Shoal Lake has a fine gravelly beach. Shoal Lake school house is on section eighteen, and Raven Lake P.O. on section nineteen. All the government land is entered for.

Tp. 17. Only north half of township is undisposed of. Of this the west half of sections nineteen, twenty-seven and thirty-three are flat and mostly covered with alkali marsh. The remaining sections are rolling, with clear open water ponds and sloughs and excellent soil. Bluffs of poplar all over township will furnish a liberal supply of fuel. Two small streams, Wolf and Oak Creeks, ensure an abundance of water. The railway runs across the south half of this township. Shoal Lake, a lovely sheet of water beautifully situated extends into this township in sections four, five and nine,

and on section nine is the station of SHOAL LAKE. This village w no doubt become a favorite summer resort, not only on accoun the beautiful scenery but also for boating, fishing and shooting. O. and several stores are already started here, and a newspaper, t "Shoal Lake Echo," is issued weekly. All the Government land this township is entered for.

Tp. 18. Surface is rolling or broken by low hills and ridges, wit ponds and marshes in a great many of the hollows. The wate slightly alkaline in the ponds and also in Wolf Creek, which ru south through east of township, but fair in Oak Creek runni through centre of township. Soil rates No. 1, being a rich sand loam from six to twenty inches deep on a clay subsoil. Bluffs poplar timber dot the surface of nearly every section, affordin enough timber, firewood and fencing for the settlers' use. Gras and hay are abundant for stock raising, and shelter afforded by bluff of timber, and abundance of grass and water make this a desirabl township for that purpose. The railway lands for sale are choic Oakburn P.O. is on section thirty, and Oakburn school house is o section sixteen. All the Government land is entered for.

Municipality of Rossburn, County of Russell.

Tp. 19. This township lies on the southern slope of the Riding Mountains, and is drained by streams tributary to the Oak River The southern boundary of the township skirts the open prairie, including in each of the sections two, three, four, six, seven and eighteen a small portion. The remainder of the township lies within what has been a densely wooded tract, now almost completely destroyed by fire. Only a small tract in the north-east corner, chiefly in sections thirty-five and thirty-six, and in the south-west part of the township in sections four, five, six, and seven, being green poplar woods. This great brule is now covered with dry standing poplar and windfalls, in most parts grown up. with young poplars, willows and hazel and other brush. No timber remains of any value except for firewood. The soil throughout is deep and rich, dark clay, entirely free from boulders. This township contains a great number

of lakes, ponds and marshes. Many of the smaller ones are easily drained by removing obstructions from the water course, and all the lakes and streams are good fresh water. The whole surface is very level or slightly undulating with easy slopes. There are a good many quarter sections open for homestead entry.

Tp. 20. This township is situated on the highest part of the Riding Mountain, and is drained by the headwaters of streams tributary to the Little Saskatchewan. The surface of the township is level or slightly undulating with easy slopes, and covered by a dense growth of white and black poplar, and white birch. Beaver meadows and marshes are common, and small ponds and lakes. The poplar timber is very large, often thirty inches in diameter, tall and straight. On sections twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-five and thirty-six and on part of sections thirty-four, twenty-seven, twenty-three, twenty-four and fourteen there is a large mixture of spruce among the poplar suitable for saw logs. The greater part of sections two, three, four, five, six and seven are in old Brule, now overgrown with small poplar and brush. The soil throughout is deep and rich, although in general classified as No. 2. In the future, when open prairie is not obtainable, these lands will no doubt be cleared and cultivated, and will be found equally as productive as the best prairie lands. There is no settlement in this township yet.

Range 24, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Oak River, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 15. The soil is principally a rich, dark clay loam, with occasional gravel hills, the summits of which are thickly strewn with boulders. There are several lakes of good water, and numerous islands of timber and underwood. All the Government land in this township is entered for.

Municipality of Shoal Lake, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 16. Same as preceding township.

Tp. 17. Surface is undulating or very gently rolling, with general slope and drainage to south. The soil is a rich sandy loam, from ten to twenty inches deep on a clay subsoil, rating No. 1. Bluffs of poplar on most of the sections will supply the settler with enough fencing and firewood, while the low land and margin of marshes will cut all the hay required for stock, and enough arable land remains for cultivation (on most of the sections more than one half), and this area can be increased by clearing of scrub and by drainage. The railway runs across the township, and KELLOE station is on section thirty. Edge Hill school house is on section thirteen. One or two quarter sections in the north half open for entry. Some good railway land for sale in this township.

Tp. 18. Rolling, with large tracts of flat alkali land around large marshes, dotted over with clumps of scrub and poplar. Repeated test pits show soil to be first-class, being black sandy loam six to thirty inches deep on clay subsoil. The poplar bluffs will furnish a good supply of fencing and fuel, and an abundance of hay can be cut on every section. Some of the lands are of little value owing to alkali, but there are a few choice pieces. Culross school house is on section sixteen. Township is well settled, all the Government land being entered for.

Municipality of Rossburn, County of Russell.

Tp. 19. Surface of township consists of undulations, short and abrupt in many places, and high rolling tracts, much higher and more rolling, with general fall and fair natural drainage to south over all parts, especially at a distance from creeks the deep hollows are numerous and contain ponds and marshes, strongly alkaline at the south. The soil is generally a dark, rich sandy loam from six to twenty-four inches deep on clay subsoil with in some spots sand and gravel. Across the north-east corner covering all north-east of a line between sections thirteen and thirty-three has a growth of poplar suitable for fuel and building purposes. In all respects the township is well adapted for general farming, for in addition to good soil and fair surface there is good grass and a fair amount of

hay, also considerable amount of fair water. A few quarter sections open for free entry in the north east corner of this township.

Tp. 20. This township, which lies on the south-eastern slope of the Riding Mountain, is almost entirely within a wooded district. The surface of the land is but slightly undulating, and beautifully diversified with lakes and ponds of excellent water which finds its way gradually to the Bird's-tail Creek. The soil throughout is of excellent quality, entirely free from boulders. The timber on a part of sections one, twelve, five, six, seven and eight, and on a small part of sections seventeen and eighteen, has been chiefly killed by fire, but large quantities of dry poplar, both standing and in windfalls, remains. The rest of towhship, comprising seven-eights of its entire area, is densely wooded with green poplar and white birch, in the proportion of about one to four. The poplar varies in size up to fourteen inches in diameter, tall and straight. The white birch is generally small, seldom attaining a greater diameter than ten inches. There are two settlers in this township.

Tp. 21. This township is situated in the Riding Mountain, and is watered by the Bird-tail Creek, which enters it on section thirty-five and taking a south-westerly course crosses sections thirty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-one, seventeen and eighteen, and leaves the township near the north-west corner of section seven. The creek runs in a valley varying in width from half a mile to one mile, two hundred feet below the general level of the country. It has a general breadth of fifty feet, a very strong current, and is floatable for logs and timber on high water. A dense willow swamp extends along each side of the creek, sometimes covering the entire valley but usually leaving a strip of open prairie between the edge of the swamp and the hills which rise on either side of the valley to the general level of the country. That part of the township lying to the north-west side of the creek is very hilly and cut up by meadows and small ponds. Timber is generally poplar of small size. On sections thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three and thirty-four there i a small quantity of merchantable spruce. To the south-east of the Bird Tail Creek the surface of the country is more level and is gen-

erally timbered with black and white poplar of large size. Section twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-five and thirty-six are thickly wooded with spruce of fair size. On sections thirteen, twenty-four twenty-five, twenty-six and twenty-three there is also some spruce of large size mixed with the poplar, but the quantity is small. The belt of prairie along the valley of the creek is fertile and well adapted for cultivation. The soil of the woodlands is also rich and deep but is so uneven as not to present an inviting appearance to settlers. There are a few settlers in the valley of the Bird Tail Creek.

Range 25, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Miniota, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 15. There is a considerable quantity of poplar timber and scrub in the northern half. The southern half is chiefly prairie. The soil is dark sandy loam, of good quality. A dry ravine, about seventy feet deep, lies at the eastern, and another, about eighty feet deep, in the western part of the township. Orrwold P.O. and Ethel school house are on section twenty-four. There are a few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Municipality of Birtle, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 16. The soil is a dark sandy loam; the surface undulating principally prairie, but having numerous patches of bush, small swamps, and clumps of poplar and high willow. Rothesay school house is on section fifteen and Warleigh P. O. is on section thirty. There are a few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 17. Surface of township is undulating prairie, with scattered clumps of small poplar and scrub and large and small sloughs over it. The soil is an excellent black sandy loam, six to twenty-four inches deep on clay and clay and gravel subsoil. Arrow River flows south through sections twenty-three and twenty-five and empties into a large marsh of which section twenty-one is a part. Every section is provided with an abundance of good meadow hay around sloughs, and plenty of good dry upland is left for all ordinary purposes. The upland grass is heavy and well suited for pasturage.

Very few stones. The railway runs across the north half of the township, and SOUSGRIFF station is on section thirty. This is the present terminus of the railway and a flourishing village is springing up, with P.O., stores, etc. All the government sections are entered for, and most of them are settled upon.

TP. 18. Lies on the east bank of the Bird Tail Creek, is nice undulating prairie sloping south and west. Bird Tail Creek on NW corner is twenty to thirty feet wide, and has banks one hundred and fifty feet high. Arrow Creek, on east, is a small stream ten feet wide with no banks. Soil is a rich black loam twelve to thirty inches deep on subsoil of light clay with gravel ridges; rates No. 1. Bluffs of scrub and small poplar scattered over the surface give it a very pretty appearance but are not of much use, most of it being too small for fuel. Marshes and meadows scattered over the surface ensure a liberal supply of meadow hay and pasture. Toddburn P.O. is on section thirty. All the unsold lands are suitable for mixed farming and many pieces are very fine. All the government sections are settled.

Municipality of Rossburn, County of Russell.

TP. 19. The soil is rich and there is an abundant supply of wood, hay and water. The township is drained by Bird Tail Creek and its tributaries. Sections thirteen, twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five and part of sections fourteen and thirty-six are well wooded with poplar. The soil on all these sections is first quality. The north-west corner of the township is taken up by part of an Indian Reserve. Rossburn P.O. is on section twenty-five and school house on section thirty-six. All the government land in the rest of the township is entered for.

TP. 20. The soil throughout is of first quality, consisting of dry ridges with gentle slopes and valleys, producing a heavy growth of grass. Marshes occur here and there, with small ponds of water, all of which easily drained to Bird Tail Creek, which flows in a beautiful valley about one hundred and fifty feet below the general level of the country. The eastern slope to the Bird Tail Creek is well wooded with poplar, and the whole interspersed with bluffs and

clumps of willow. The south-west portion of the township is an Indian Reserve. There are some good quarter sections open for homestead entry in this township.

Tp. 21. This township lies in the Riding Mountain, and is drained by the Bird Tail Creek which enters the township on the north-east quarter of section twelve and leaves the township near the south-east angle of section two. Three large tributaries of the Bird Tail cross this township in a south-easterly direction and join the main stream. These tributaries, with minor smaller ones, completely drain the township, and in general they all flow with a strong current throughout their course. There are no large lakes in this township, but small ponds and marshes are common. On one, two twelve, thirteen, fourteen and twenty-four there is some good dry prairie. Part of the same sections, with the exception of twenty-four, is covered by marsh and willow swamp. The surface of the township is hilly, with easy slopes and a gradual increase of elevation towards the north-west. The soil throughout the township is universally excellent, without any boulders and sometimes a heavy growth of poplar woods with hazel and willow undergrowth. The supply of poplar for building, fencing and firewood in this township is very great. In sections thirty-five and thirty-six there are a few spruce trees which are generally small. A good deal of government land open for homestead entry in this township.

Range 26, West of First Meridian.

Tp. 15, Municipality of Miniota, Tp. 16, Municipality of Birtle. County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 15 & 16. The soil is sandy loam of good quality. Islands of inferior poplar are numerous, as well as small patches of willow brush. The rest of the township is undulating prairie. Township fifteen is traversed by two ravines, one ninety and the other fifty feet deep. Beulah P.O. is on section four and Beulah school house is on section five, township fifteen. All the Government land in these townships is entered for.

Municipality of Birtle, County of Shoal Lake.

TP. 17. This township is broken by Bird Tail Creek running through in a south-westerly direction. The valley of the creek is some 250 feet deep, and three-quarters of a mile in width. The valley on the west side is generally open and stony, but on the east slope there is some good poplar timber. The general features of the township are an undulating prairie, with poplar bluffs, clumps of willow, small ponds and hay marshes. The land is of good quality. Burdette school house is on section one, and Mountgay school house on section thirty-two. Longfleet P.O. is on section thirty-four. The projected route of the M. & N. W. Railway runs across this township.

BIRTLE.—The town of Birtle is on section six. It is the county town for Shoal Lake and Russell. Population about 300. Has general stores, telegraph and P.O., hotels, livery stables, saw mill and grist mill, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and Public School. The "Birtle Observer" is published here weekly. The Dominion land office for the Birtle District is stationed here, and the Government contemplates the erection of an immigrant house.

TP. 18. The eastern tier of sections is much broken by Bird Tail Creek, which flows through a deep valley from 100 to 200 feet in depth, in a southerly direction. There is no timber of any value in this township, that on the east side of Bird Tail Creek being of inferior quality. However, timber may be easily obtained in the forests to the north, and floated down the creek during high water. The soil is generally of good quality. Dowsford school house is on section twenty-five. Lansburn P.O. is on section eighteen. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry, principally marsh lands which could be easily drained.

For Townships 19, 20, 21 *and* 22 *see Shell River Agency.*

RANGE 27, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

Municipality of Miniota, County of Shoal Lake.

TP. 15. The soil is sandy loam, with some gravelly knolls. The

township is traversed by the Assiniboine River and Bird Tail Creek On the whole it is well adapted for cultivation. There is a Sioux reserve in the south-west corner of the township. One or two quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Municipality of Birtle, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 16. Rolling prairie traversed by the Bird Tail Creek. There is a good deal of poplar scattered about. The soil is fair, but stony in places. Wattsview P.O. is on section thirty, Blenheim school house is on section fourteen and Oxford school house on section nineteen. All the government land appears to be entered for.

Tp. 17. Rolling prairie traversed by several small creeks, and dotted with small patches of scrub and willow and occasional clumps of poplar, sufficiently large for fencing. The soil is a friable black loam from one to three feet deep, with clay subsoil. Dunstan school house is on section thirty-three. The projected route of the M. & N. W. Railway crosses this township. All the government land in this township is entered for.

Tp. 18. Rolling prairie rather broken by sloughs and dotted over with clumps of poplar and willow. Two or three creeks traverse the township. The soil is a rich black friable loam. Snake Creek and its tributaries afford ample water for all wants. The projected route of the M. & N. W. Railway crosses the SW corner of this township. All the government land in this township appears to be entered for.

For Townships 19, 20, 21, 22 *and* 23 *see Shell River Agency.*

Range 28, West of First Meridian.

Municipality of Ellice, County of Shoal Lake.

Tp. 16. Traversed by the Assiniboine River and Snake Creek. The land is generally of fair quality, but in some places it is stony. There is a good deal of young timber scattered about. Fort Ellice

is in the north-west corner of this township. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

TP. 17. Rolling prairie. The soil is a dark friable loam, with clay subsoil. The township is watered by the Assiniboine River. There is a fair quantity of timber. Crewe P.O. is on section twenty-eight and Fort Ellice P.O. is on section five. DeCorby school house is on section seventeen. All the government land appears to be entered for.

TP. 18. Rolling prairie, broken towards the north-west by deep ravines and gullies. The soil is very rich and deep. It is well watered by Snake Creek and two large creeks. There is a fair proportion of timber. There is an Indian Reserve in the north-west quarter. The projected route of the M. & N. W. Railway crosses the N.E. corner of this township. All the government land in the rest of the township appears to be entered for.

For Townships 19, 20, 21, 22 *and* 23 *see Shell River Agency.*

RANGE 29, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

TP. 17. The Qu'Appelle Valley crosses this township. Its high banks are crowned with timber. The soil in the valley is very good; elsewhere it is merely coarse sand. It is better adapted for grazing than grain raising. A good many quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

TP. 18. Traversed by the Assiniboine River. The banks of this river are well covered with poplar. The valley bottom is good, but the remainder of the township is inferior. The north-east portion of the township is included in an Indian Reserve. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry in this township.

For Townships 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 *and* 24 *see Shell River Agency.*

SHELL RIVER AGENCY.

Range 26, West of First Meridian.

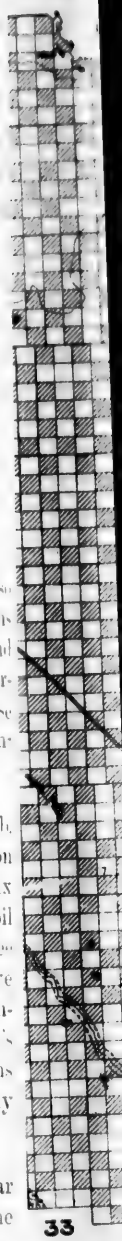
For Townships 15, 16, 17 *and* 18 *see Birtle Agency.*

Municipality of Silver Creek, County of Russell.

Tp. 19. Rolling prairie with some small ponds and marshes; also scattered clumps of poplar and willow, and some scrub. It contains two lakes that have areas exceeding twenty acres. Soil first and second class. An Indian Reserve takes seven sections in the NE corner. Seeburn P.O. is on section thirty-two and Boyle school house on section seventeen. There are a few quarter sections of government land still open for entry.

Tp. 20. Prairie, with some heavy poplar, willow and hazel scrub. There is a chain of lakes of considerable size in the western portion of the township, and numerous small ponds occur elsewhere. Six sections in the SE quarter are included in an Indian Reserve. Soil principally first and second class. Sections nineteen and thirty-three are excellent ones for farming, sections twenty-one and twenty-five are valuable for timber, all the rest of the railway land in this township is well adapted for mixed farming or stock raising. St. Mary's school house is on section thirty. There are some quarter sections of government land still open for entry but they are thickly wooded.

Tp. 21. This township is all bush, the timber being chiefly poplar and balm of Gilead with some white birch scattered through it, the latter running from four to eight inches in diameter, and the former ranging between six and twelve inches in diameter, whilst a few are to be found as large as twenty inches in diameter, the average being about nine inches. Two or three sections in the SW corner of this township are tolerably open and suitable for settlement. The



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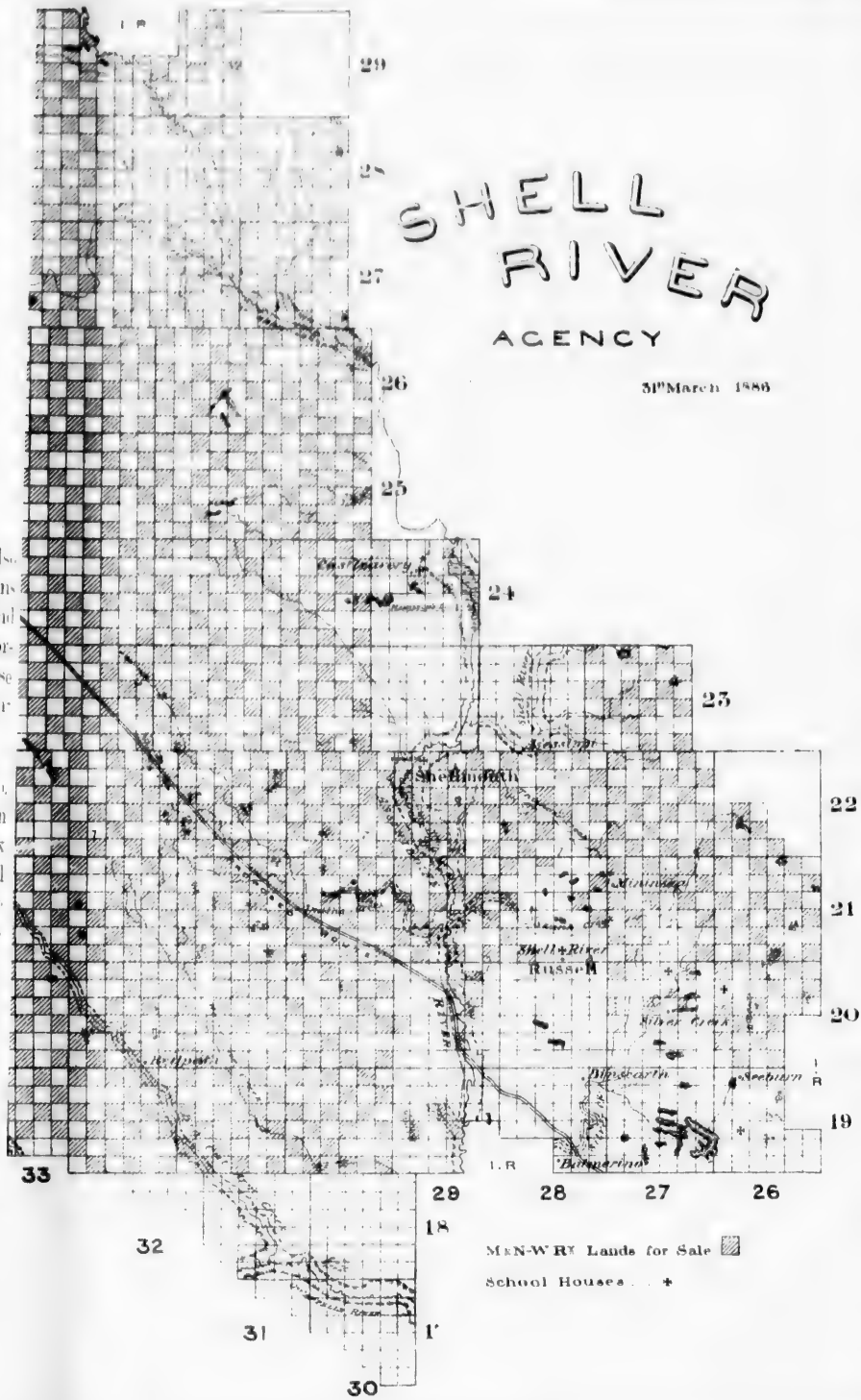

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surface is of a rolling nature and the soil throughout, on the whole, is first class, chiefly sandy loam. It is traversed by Silver Creek, which runs diagonally across it from NE to SW corner; several other small creeks are also to be found throughout. There are three or four tolerably large lakes on the east side of the township, and numerous marshes scattered throughout. The water in all the above is good. Fish are to be found in that lake touching the north boundary of sections thirty-four and thirty-five. Sections four, six ten and eighteen are settled on; the rest of the Government lands are open for entry.

Municipality of Boulton, County of Russell.

Tp. 22. The SW portion of this township, which is the only part sub-divided, is all brush, chiefly poplar and balm of Gilead, of a fine quality, some of it running to fourteen inches diameter. There is a good deal of white birch interspersed with it, running to six inches diameter. A belt ten chains wide of fine, tall straight spruce, running to eight inches diameter, crosses the southern part of the east boundary of section sixteen, beginning a few chains to the west of this line and running in a north-easterly direction. The soil is chiefly sandy loam of a first class quality, some of it, however, is of a light nature and only second class. The nature of the surface is somewhat hilly with numerous marshes and some lakes. There is no settlement in this township.

Range 27, West of First Meridian.

For Townships 15, 16, 17 *and* 18 *see Birtle Agency.*

Municipality of Silver Creek County of Russell.

Tp. 19. The south-easterly portion of this township is much broken by lakes; the remainder is well adapted for agricultural purposes. The soil is a rich black loam, and there is sufficient poplar for all purposes. This township is well settled.

Tp. 20. Nice rolling prairie sloping to south, with small bluffs of poplar and scrub dotting the surface The soil is a rich black loam

six to thirty inches deep, and containing a variable amount of sand on a subsoil of light clay, with occasional stretches where it is sand and gravel. Silver Creek, a good running stream of excellent water, crosses township, and on section twenty-three there are two nice lakes. The upland grass is good, and most of sections have a good supply of meadow land. The creek, lakes and poplar groves combine to make this a very pretty township. The unsold railway sections are well suited for general farming. Silver Creek P.O. is on section twenty-two, Silver Creek school house on section thirty-four and a good general store on section thirty-five. The SE quarter of section two is still open for entry as a homestead.

Tp. 21. Rolling with slope to south-west. Surface of NE corner is covered with brush and timber, and the rest is dotted over with poplar groves and clumps of scrub. A few small meadows and marshes. A number of small spring creeks rise in the NE part in muskegs and flow in a SW direction. The soil is good, being a rich black sandy loam six to twenty-four inches deep on a subsoil of clay and sandy clay. Some nice meadow land along creeks. This is a very pretty township and some nice land is yet unsold. Mininska P.O. is on section thirty. Only section thirty-six is open for entry, and it is covered with timber.

Municipality of Boulton, County of Russell.

Tp. 22. The west half of this township is composed of prairie scattered with clumps of small poplar which is fit for fence rails, whilst the east half is all bush, chiefly poplar and balm of Gilead, interspersed with some white birch on the extreme east side, the timber is small on the western outskirts, but gets larger towards the east boundary, where it is serviceable for building purposes. The surface is of a rolling nature, and the soil throughout is of a first class quality, being sandy loam and clay loam. There are three small lakes and numerous small marshes on the east half, and a few of the latter scattered throughout the township. Section seventeen is an excellent one, and sections three, five, seven, nine, fifteen, nineteen, twenty-one, thirty-one, and west half of thirty-three are suit-

able for mixed farming. There are a few good quarter sections open for entry in this township outside of the timber sections.

Tp. 23. This is a good township, nearly equally divided between woods and prairie, and well watered by small lakes and ponds. The land rates first and second class. A good road, known as McKay's trail, runs through the westerly half. Sections three, NE quarter seven, nine and SW quarter seventeen are good. There are a few good quarter sections still open for entry in the south half of this township; there are no settlers in the north half, it being all timber.

RANGE 28, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

For Townships 16, 17 *and* 18 *see Birtle Agency.*

Municipality of Russell, County of Russell,

SCOTTISH ONTARIO AND MANITOBA LAND CO'Y.

Tp. 19. This township is well adapted for farming. Rolling prairie. The soil is a black loam. Sufficient poplar bush for all requirements. Balmerino P.O. is on section three and Binscarth P.O. is on section thirty-five. Six sections in the SW corner are taken up by part of an Indian Reserve. The projected extension of the M. & N. W. Railway runs across the township. No land open for homestead entry.

SCOTTISH ONTARIO AND MANITOBA LAND CO.

Tp. 20. Well adapted for farming. The soil is a deep black loam. There is enough poplar for settlers' requirements. On sections ten and eighteen there are two lakes. This township is well settled.

BINSCARTH FARM.—The Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. own the odd sections in the two foregoing townships (19 and 20). On section thirty-five, township nineteen, in the spring of 1883 this Company started their model farm of Binscarth. They have now 450 acres under cultivation. The buildings consist of a store and P.O., hotel, church, hall, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, farm house, barns, granaries, storehouses, implement sheds, piggeries, etc.

One of the barns measures 50 x 250 feet, accommodating over 200 head of cattle, and has a capacity of 300 tons of hay. This is on the banks of Silver Creek. The live stock consists of 200 head of cattle, 20 horses, 20 sheep and 20 pigs, all well bred. Most of the prizes for shorthorn cattle at the Provincial Agricultural Show at Winnipeg in 1885 were taken by the cattle from this farm.

Tp. 21. Rolling prairie dotted over with small clumps of poplar and scrub and small lakes. Skunk Creek, a small stream of good water, flows across the township from east to west; over most of the distance the banks are only 10 to 20 feet high, but on section nineteen, where it leaves the township, they are about 150 feet. The soil is good throughout, being a dark sandy loam, varying in depth from 6 to 30 inches; in a few places the subsoil is sand and gravel, but such places are of small extent, the most of it being sandy clay or clay. Nearly every section has a liberal supply of wood and hay meadow, and all have as much arable upland as is desirable for cultivation. No prettier lands in Manitoba. Shell River P.O. is on section three, at the village of Russell, where there is a store, school house, two stores, hotel, livery stable, etc. All the government land in this township is entered for.

Municipality of Shell River, County of Russell.

Tp. 22. Surface is rolling, with a general slope to the SW. In the SW corner there is a decided fall, sections five and seven being considerably lower than the rest. Thunder Creek flows through the township, passing through sections one, fifteen, seventeen, nineteen; there are some drains, ravines, etc., running into this which afford good drainage. Soil generally speaking is a rich sandy loam on clay or sandy clay subsoil, with gravel in places; along the west side the soil is lighter with an admixture of gravel. Township is dotted over with clumps of scrub, and in some parts bluffs of poplar which afford good shelter and are useful for fuel and fencing; the poplar bluffs also add considerably to the appearance of the country, some places along the creek being exceptionally pretty. Thunder Creek is about three feet wide and one to two feet deep, has very good running water; the sloughs are not numerous and are mostly shallow

and small. The growth of grass on upland is very fair, and around marshes, in ravines and along creek, etc., hay can be cut though not in large quantities. With the exception of sections one and seven, which are rather stony in parts, there are only a few scattered imbedded stones. As a whole the township is very well adapted for farming. Only the SE quarter of section thirty-six open for homestead entry.

Shell River Colonization Company.

Tp. 23. The Shell River flows through the township. Its banks are covered with poplar. The rest of the land is alternate prairie and scrub. The soil is very good. Asessippi P.O. is on section four. This township is well settled, only a few quarter sections being open for homestead entry.

Shell River Colonization Company.

This Company's land is in townships twenty-three and twenty-four, range twenty-eight, and township twenty-three, range twenty-nine. At Asesssippi on section four, township twenty-three, range twenty-eight, the headquarters of the Company, there is a roller grist mill and saw mill, post office, hotel, store, &c., &c. A fine water power is utilized here, and the village is very prettily situated in the valley of the Shell River.

Range 29, West of First Meridian.

For Townships 17 *and* 18 *see Birtle Agency.*

Municipality of Russell, County of Russell.

Tp. 19. The land is undulating and gravelly. East of the river the soil is fair, but broken by ravines. There are a few bluffs of poplar. Six sections in the SE corner are taken up by an Indian Reserve. There is a good deal of government land still open for entry.

Tp. 20. West of the Assiniboine River the land is not well suited

for settlement, but is well wooded with poplar, birch and oak. On the east side the soil is good but broken by ravines. The projected extension of the M. & N. W. Railway runs diagonally across the township from SE to NW, crossing the Assiniboine in the SE corner. A few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 21. Surface of upland gently undulating; with some small ponds, etc. Township is broken by the ravines of Assiniboine River and Skunk and Smith's Creeks. The Assiniboine flows from north to south through centre of township, passing through sections thirty-three, twenty-seven, fifteen, nine and three. It is two or three chains wide and has good current; the valley is 1 to 1½ miles wide, with rough and steep banks 150 to 200 feet deep. Skunk Creek flowing from the east and Smith's creek from the west both join the river near centre of township; they both have deep and wide ravines at junction and these grow less as they recede from the river. Soil is generally a sandy loam on gravelly clay, with sand and gravel in parts near banks; along the ravine there are bluffs of poplar, &c., (some of a very good size), which will furnish fuel, fencing, &c., and on upland also there are scattering bluffs of small poplar which add to the appearance of the land. The water in river and both creeks is very good. Grass on upland is fair and around the ponds, &c., and in places along the Assiniboine and Smith's Creek, hay can be cut. There are a number of boulders and stones on and near banks of ravines. Most of the upland is very good farm land, and the township being broken by the river and creeks is in many parts very picturesque. There are a few quarter sections still open for homestead entry.

Municipality of Shell River, County of Russell.

Tp. 22. Down the west half of township the Assiniboine flows in its usual winding course through a valley 150 to 200 feet deep, the descent to which on the east side is by a long, gentle open slope, and on west by a rugged bank covered with poplar. Thunder Creek, a small stream of good water, flows in a south-easterly direction and joins the Assiniboine River on section four. Where it joins the river the valley is about two hundred feet deep, but

it gradually becomes shallower and on section twenty-five it is not more than 10 feet below prairie level. The soil varies considerably; on east tier of sections and on upland on west side is a good sandy loam 18 inches deep on clay sub-soil; from east side up to river soil is light and sandy on sand and gravel subsoil. West bank of river is well timbered with poplar suitable for house logs, fencing and fuel. Along east side of river, in valley of creek and in groves on upland there is also a plentiful supply of fencing and fuel. On sections twenty-seven and thirty-four there is a very pretty lake with sandy shores and banks edged with poplar. The grass on sandy land is poor, but on east and west where soil is better, growth is good and abundance of hay around marshes. Some of the valley land would be quite suitable for stock, the water supply being permanent, and a large amount of meadow land close at hand; this is particularly the case with section thirty-one. One or two quarter sections still open for entry.

THE VILLAGE OF SHELLMOUTH is picturesquely situated on the Assiniboine River on section thirty-two. Has hotel, stores, school house, post office, &c. The government have built a swing bridge at this point at a cost of over $10,000.

SHELL RIVER COLONIZATION COMPANY.

Tp. 23. The central and southern portions are comparatively dry, and well watered by two creeks. These creeks both have excellent mill sites with sufficient water power. The fall is estimated at about 150 feet in the mile on both creeks, and the current is nearly three miles an hour. The land is somewhat wet, but hay grows luxuriantly. The soil is a black loam. This is one of the townships in the tract belonging to the Shell River Colonization Company, whose headquarters are at Asessippi. This township is well settled, only a few quarter sections being open for homestead entry.

TP. 24. Slightly rolling and broken on the east by the Assiniboine River and its tributaries. The soil is rich, and there is plenty of hay and good water. Several clumps of poplar are scattered about. Castleavery P. O. and school house are on section twenty-eight. This township is very well settled.

PROVINCE OF ASSINIBOIA.

Range 30, West of First Meridian.

Tp. 17. The Qu'Appelle valley runs through the north tier of sections in this township. The land is prairie, of inferior soil, except in the valley of the Qu'Appelle which is well wooded. Most of the government land is still open for entry

Tp. 18. The southern half is prairie, towards the north there are numerous bluffs of young poplar and scrub. The land is well adapted for grazing purposes. Nearly all the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 19. This township is not very well suited for settlement. The soil is for the most part gravelly. The country is undulating, and marshes and willow swamps are very numerous. In sections one, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, eleven and two the soil is light and sandy, and there are some large bluffs of poplar. Wolverine Creek, a stream of good water, runs through the most southerly range of sections. About half of the government land is still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 20. The soil is not of a very good quality, being for the most part gravelly. The land is undulating and marshes and willow swamps are numerous. In the northern part there are some bluffs of poplar of medium size. There are five or six settlers already in this township.

Tp. 21. Is undulating prairie, with Smith's Creek crossing north half, and is dotted over with small groves of poplar and scrub. Banks of creek are 20 to 40 feet high. Soil is a good sandy loam, with a little gravel in places, on a sandy and gravelly clay subsoil. Building timber is scarce, but on east half there is enough rail timber and fuel to last some time. In July, at time of examination, creek was dry. A few ponds and marshes on upland and a nice small lake on section twenty-three. Good water has also been obtained by digging 20 feet. Good grass all over township, and nearly every section has meadow enough for a large number of stock.

All things considered this is a very desirable township for settlement and nearly all the railway lands are choice. There are about seven settlers already in this township, some of whom own very fine stock.

Tp. 22. Varies from undulating, with flat tracts, to rolling, and all much cut up by marshes, meadows and meadow edged ponds and banks of Assiniboine River in NE corner. Soil is all good being a dark sandy loam 10 to 24 inches deep on a subsoil varying from clay to sandy clay. Timber is somewhat scarce, there being only a few small groves of poplar in SE part; over other parts there is some scattered willow and poplar scrub of little value. All the sections have a good many small shallow ponds and marshes with fair water, and around the outside edge a broad belt of meadow, the grass in which is often four and five feet high. Most of the sections are well fitted for mixed farming, and along the east side where the poplar groves are the land has a very pretty appearance. A number of settlers are scattered over township, and express themselves well pleased with their selection.

Tp. 23. Gently undulating prairie dotted over with innumerable marshes and meadows both large and small, and clumps of willow and poplar scrub. The soil is a good black sandy loam 10 to 30 inches deep on clay subsoil with sand and gravel in higher parts. In wet seasons a large extent of surface will be under water, and there is very little natural drainage. The ponds and marshes were, in July, the date of examination, mostly dry; those not dry have nearly all alkali water. The upland grass is a good growth and nearly all the marshes have a broad strip of meadow around them. All the sections have a fair amount of arable land and are suitable for mixed farming. Only sections twelve and fourteen have been taken up as homesteads so far.

Tp. 24. A township of undulating prairie land dotted over with clumps of scrub and small poplar groves. A dry water course crosses SW part of township, and along this the land is fairly free from sloughs, but where not drained by this there are a good many marshes and ponds. In July, at time of examination, a good many of these water

beds were dry, and those that were not contained shallow alkaline water; all have a good broad belt of meadow land surrounding them; the upland growth of grass is also good. Soil is generally good, being a black sandy loam 6 to 30 inches deep on clay subsoil, but along north and east subsoil changes to sand. Some of the uplands have a very pretty appearance, and all will make fair land for mixed farming. No difficulty will be found in getting hay for a large number of stock on any section. The N half of this township is well settled.

Tp. 25. The surface varies from almost level to rolling, a little irregular on south and east tiers of sections in places, with a number of broad low tracts made by long but scarcely perceptible slopes; these low parts and the slopes as well are mostly covered with a dense growth of small short willow and other scrub, and appear to have been swamped in wet seasons. Natural drainage good. In low parts the soil is dark sandy loam, fair to good, changing to a poor loam and sand over greater part of high land, excepting at SW corner where it is good. On SW sections there is some poplar suitable for cordwood and rail timber, and considerable small poplar and other scrub.; other parts of township have bluffs of small poplar and large areas covered with brulé and different kinds of scrub. The bodies of water and dry ponds are not numerous, but a considerable area will be more or less wet in wet seasons, all of which, however, could be drained. The water is generally good, with some springs and springy spots in places, especially along and near drains and creeks. Grass varies from good at SW to poor over other parts, with a few small meadows of good hay. The low lands in many parts have great quantities of large boulders, a few on uplands. As a whole this township is not a desirable one for settlement, owing to the light nature of soil which, over the greater part, is too poor to be of much use for farming. The south half is well settled; north half open for homestead entry.

Tp. 26. This township is much broken in the eastern and northern parts by the valley of the Assiniboine River, and heavily timbered, consisting of poplar, balm of Gilead, oak, maple, birch, and a few scattered pines and large willow, the latter principally near the river.

Some of the timber is large, from 12 to 18 inches in diameter, and may be manufactured into lumber. The greater part of the township is level and covered with a dense growth of willow scrub. The soil is clay and sandy loam, except in the valley where it is deep black loam; on side hills gravelly and sandy. The valley of the river is both wide and deep. The land in this township is well suited for settlement. There is abundance of good water. Nearly all the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 27. The greater portion of this township is a high and rolling country overlooking the valley of the Assiniboine to the south and west. The soil is of fair quality, being a clay loam resting on a subsoil of clay and gravel. In the north and east, bluffs of small poplar prevail, and along the valley of the Assiniboine River, which cuts across the SW corner, there is a large quantity of good-sized poplar, from 8 to 12 inches in diameter. It would be a fair township for settlement purposes. Only the north half of section thirty-six is taken up so far as homestead; all the rest of the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 28. Amongst the more northern townships this is one of the best for farming purposes. The soil is of a good quality, being a clay loam. Spruce occurs in bluffs in different parts of the township, as well as poplar of good size for the purposes of settlers. The main trail from Ellice via Shell River to Pelly passes diagonally through the township from south-east to north-west. It would be an excellent locality for a stock farm. About eight settlers in the south half; in the north half the government land is all open for entry.

Tp. 29. Not sub-divided.

Range 31, West of First Meridian.

Tp. 17. Open rolling prairie, the surface broken by ravines and by the descent to the Qu'Appelle River. Water in the river and the creeks is good; in the lakes it is usually fit for domestic purposes, but in some instances is alkaline and certainly unwholesome. Bush

in many parts, but no timber of value except for fuel and fencing. On the whole, the township is well adapted for grazing purposes. Soil—generally light land, and in some places very stony, so as to be classed third, and even fourth rate; generally second rate. Rocanville P.O. is on section sixteen.

Tp. 18. Contains some good agricultural land, but is better adapted for grazing purposes. Surface very much broken by the wide and deep valleys of the Qu'Appelle River and the Cut Arm Creek, as well as by many deep ravines not of great length running into them. The slopes on the south side are generally covered with a thick growth of scrub oak, poplar, willow and hazel, and are nearly in every case steep and stony. All over the township there is abundance of small timber, but only fit for fuel and fencing. Marshes are numerous, and those on sections seven, eight and sixteen large and deep. Water is good in the river, but in the ponds stagnant and bad; there are no creeks worth mentioning. There is good grazing land in the river flats, but probably subject to floods. Soil—generally black mould; in places gravelly, and sometimes stony; classified chiefly third, with some first and second rate. The north half of this township is fairly well settled.

Tp. 19. Nearly all of this township is rolling prairie, the soil in the easterly two miles being sandy, and that in the westerly four miles being of better quality, though in it considerable sand and gravel is mixed with the loam. Along the valley of the Cut Arm are bluffs of poplar and oak with dense underbrush. Wolverine Creek has clear spring water and at one place in the township it expands and forms a beautiful lake. Though there is no timber except along Cut Arm, there are numerous bluffs of willow, hazel and small poplar scattered throughout the township. Spyhill is on the north of section one, and can be seen for some distance. About six sections of government land still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 20. The soil is of fair quality, gravelly loam with clay subsoil, but there are too many hills and swamps to render it very desirable for farming purposes. Along Wolverine Creek the country is not so much broken by hills and ponds, and hence is much more

suitable for settlement. Wolverine Creek has an average width of about eight feet, with a depth of about one foot, and the water is of excellent quality. Bluffs of poplar and willow are found at intervals thoughout the township, but are more numerous in the eastern and south-western portions of it. There is no timber suitable for building purposes and very little for firewood. About five settlers have already taken up homesteads in this township.

Tp. 21. Varies from rolling to low and flat; is high at west side and has a good fall to east, except at SW corner, which has SW slope. A great portion is covered with chains of ponds and dry marshes surrounded by meadow and flat land and many very small meadows. The ponds are shallow and nearly all the marshes are dry. On the north half are some dry water courses or natural drains running eastward to Smith's Creek; these afford a ready means of disposing of many of the marshes and the SW portion has also natural drainage to the Wolverine Creek. The soil is a dark sandy loam mostly about 15 inches deep on light clay subsoil, except on some of the highest portions where it inclines to sand. No timber, but most of the sections have considerable low willow scrub. Ponds and marshes are surrounded by broad tracts of meadow with very long grass, affording on each section a large amount of hay. Owing to the broken nature of the surface no very large tracts of arable land can be had, but for mixed farming this would be a desirable township. All government land open for entry.

Tp. 22. Surface is mostly low and flat, the dry or upland having an elevation of only from 5 to 10 feet above the low land level, except in the immediate vicinity of drain on east of township. Soil is a sandy loam from 8 to 18 inches deep on a sand and gravelly clay subsoil and very suitable for farming where dry. The low marshy land, which includes fully one half of area of township, will yield an immense quantity of coarse hay or good summer pasture, making township a very suitable one for stock raising or mixed farming. Two settlers on government land in this township.

Tp. 23. This township consists of gently rolling to undulating upland with a great deal of low flat land and numerous ponds, sloughs

and meadows. The soil is mostly a sandy loam on a sandy and gravelly clay subsoil with a gravelly top soil on ridges. Rates generally 1½, though some parts would rate 1. Alkali shows rather strongly in nearly all the low places round ponds, &c. Surface is is scattered over with willow scrub thickly on NE and slightly on SW. There is some small poplar towards NW of towlship, where some fence rails might be cut. There are numerous scattering ponds and sloughs, containing 1 to 3 feet of water in July, all of which is alkaline; there are also a great many marshes and low spots which are dry now but would probably contain water at an earlier season. There is a lake at south of section nineteen which contains fairly good water and is apparently deep. The growth of grass on the upland is generally good, in low alkaline lands poor. Around nearly all the sloughs there is a belt of strong and rather coarse meadow grass, and also in and around the dry marshes and meadows, which will afford a plentiful supply of hay, which should recommend the township to those contemplating the raising of stock. There are some boulders and stones, but they are principally confined to the dry marshes and low spots. Most of the township is fairly well adapted to general farming, though there is some poor land, and in parts scrub would have to be cleared. Nearly all parts of township very well meet the requirements of a stock farm. All the government lands open for entry.

Tp. 24. Surface is undulating and a good [illegible] broken up by marshes and ponds, and all more or less covered [illegible] scrub, and a good deal of brulé on west half. About 5 square [illegible] les on north of township is covered with a growth of nice straight poplar and scrub; of this not more than one quarter would be poplar. The soil is a good dark sandy loam, varying in depth from 6 to 20 inches on a white clay subsoil. Nearly all the marshes and ponds are dry, those that are not have shallow pools of very alkaline water. Excellent grass all over township, and around the scrub a rank growth of peavine and vetches, and plenty of meadow hay on every section. So much of surface is broken by marsh that land cannot be very highly recommended for farming, but a good deal of it will do for stock. All the government sections are open for entry.

Tp. 25. The land in this township is, wherever dry, of an excellent quality, yet, owing to the manner in which it is cut up by sloughs, swamps and marshes, it is not very well suited for settlement. There is an abundance of timber to meet the wants of settlers. Sections one and two and the most northerly range of sections are comparatively dry. Wherever not wooded with poplar the land is thickly overgrown with willow and scrub. There are two settlers in this township already.

Tp. 26. This township is undulating and overgrown by willows and bluffs of poplar. In the south part there are some large bluffs of timber, some marshes and a few lakes. Along the east boundary boulders appear numerous. Whenever dry the soil is of an excellent quality, but swamps are numerous. There is an abundance of building and fencing timber. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 27. This township is much cut up by the ravines formed by the River Assiniboine and Stony Creek, as well as Two Creeks coulee and their tributaries. Wherever they occur the land is gravelly and stony, but the remainder is fine deep soil without stones and well adapted for agricultural purposes. The eastern part has timber in the valley of the Assiniboine and along the creeks. The western part has only willows, bushes predominating, and a few scattered bluffs. There are about eight settlers in this township already.

Tp. 28. The portion of this township lying west of the Assiniboine River valley is a fine high dry prairie, covered with shrubs and clumps of willows. The various marshes, which were wet during the spring, are at present dry and full of splendid grasses. There are also a couple of depressions or valleys with water courses which afford good opportunities for drainage. This portion of the township is well adapted for settlement. The valley of the Assiniboine is well wooded and will give to the settlers plenty of building timber and also fuel and fence timber. This township is well settled.

Tp. 29. This township is well adapted for settlement. The soil is a black loam with a clay subsoil. The surface is rolling and is

well drained by Little Boggy Creek, which flows in a westerly direction through the centre of the township. On the mountain in the north-eastern quarter of township it is well covered with spruce and poplar, good for fuel and building purposes. The NW corner of the township is taken up by an Indian Reserve. There are four settlers in this township already.

RANGE 32, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

TP. 18. Generally good land north of the valley of the Qu'Appelle River, but with numerous small marshes and sloughs, usually surrounding ponds of deep water, in some cases good and wholesome. The land is undulating, with many considerable hills; the soil generally black loam with clay subsoil, but light and stony on the hills and banks of the ravines. The lower part of the valley consists of flat lands with black soil and thin scanty grass. There are a few springs but only on the sides of the steep ravines, and no living creeks. South of the river the land is nearly all of a flat, marshy character, covered with a dense growth of high willows, unless broken by rocky ridges which rise to a height of 300 feet, with a little good soil on the heights and some half way up the ascent. On the north side of the river there is no large timber except scattered oaks along the ridges of the valley, and in a few other places; but there are numerous islands of small poplar and great patches of thick scrub. On the south side of the Qu'Appelle valley there is poplar suitable for building purposes. Soil—first, second and third class. This township is well settled.

TP. 19. The western and southern portions of this township contain numerous swamps separated by ridges ranging from 10 to 30 feet high. The soil between the swamps, except on the tops of the ridges, is of good quality. The north-eastern portion of the township has fewer swamps and numerous bluffs of poplar. There is not, however, sufficient timber for wood lots, though there is a small amount suitable for building purposes. There is a good deal of government land still open for entry.

TP. 20. The township may be described generally as rolling prai-

rie broken by swamps and ponds. The valley of the Cut Arm Creek is about 150 feet below the level of the surrounding prairie, and has more numerous bluffs of poplar and oak than the rest of the township, and where not wooded is covered nearly throughout by thickets of hazel, willow, etc. The Cut Arm Creek has an average width of about 12 feet and a depth of 2 feet, and the water is of fair quality. There is some timber in the valley suitable for building purposes and firewood. Redpath P.O. is on section two. This township is well settled.

Tp. 21. Nice undulating prairie land with some small clumps of scrub on SW quarter and traversed by a dry water course or creek and several natural drains, which afford good drainage. A large part of township is free from ponds or sloughs, but the NE corner is thickly covered with them; shallow lakes with marshy edges and good water on sections seven and nineteen. Soil is good black sandy loam 6 to 20 inches deep, with gravel on high places, on a subsoil varying at short intervals from good clay to sand, the greater part being a mixture of the two. Grass is good all over and small meadows on nearly every section, with a fair amount of hay and some few sections having enough to support a large number of stock. The large tracts of unbroken land on many of sections will make this a very desirable township. A number of choice homestead sections. All government land open for entry.

Tp. 22. Varies in surface from nearly level to rolling with a general slope to south. At south is free from scrub but gradually becomes scrubby towards north, and at centre of north side is thickly covered with young poplar and scrub with a few small clumps fit for rails and fuel on sections twenty-one, twenty-five, twenty-seven, thirty-three and thirty-five, and on one or two sections a few house logs. Some of the sections are nearly free from ponds, and other adjoining sections have about a third of surface covered with them. Nice lakes on sections twenty-five and thirteen, and also a large chain of alkali ponds on section twenty-five. Soil is good black loam with 10 to 30 per cent of sand on a clay subsoil with some sand in places and occasional gravel ridges. Rates 1. Grass is all good and in many places the growth can only be described as luxu-

riant; among scrub in many places pea vine grows to a height of two or three feet, and nearly every section will cut a large amount of meadow hay. At south of township are a number of sections well suited for mixed farming, and at north land is more broken and more suitable for stock. Some sections decidedly pretty. The nucleus of an Icelandic colony is formed in this township, seven entries for homesteads having been made already.

Tp. 23. Part of section one and all of thirteen, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, thirty-three and thirty-five have large alkali ponds surrounded by flat alkali land which is of little value. The SW quarter of township is rolling and covered with poplar and scrub and will furnish fencing and fuel required for rest of township. Ponds and marshes all over west half and small meadows with plenty of hay; luxuriant pea vine also in SW quarter. Soil is excellent, being a black sandy mould 10 to 24 inches deep on clay and in parts sandy clay. A few good sections, but much of land is not very valuable; timber may, however, prove an attraction. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 24. Undulating to rolling surface with ponds and sloughs between the ridges and small clumps of young poplar and scrub on upland with occasional trees and groves of dead poplar. Soil is first class, being a black sandy mould 6 to 24 inches deep on clay subsoil. Township is free from alkali, has good water and hay in abundance The NW part has some sections of particularly choice land. With hay so plentiful, wood close at hand, and good soil, this township will no doubt prove attractive to settlers desiring stock farming in a small way. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 25. The land in this township is, wherever dry, of an excellent quality. In the east half there is a number of large bluffs of poplar, but swamps and marshes are so numerous as to render it undesirable for settlement. The west half has at one time been well wooded, but fires have of late years swept over it. The trees, which are mostly standing, will for many years be suitable for firewood. Along the south and west boundaries the country is more open and

is overgrown with willow and scrub. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. 26. The land throughout this township is of good quality but is very much broken up by swamps, sloughs and marshes. There are some large bluffs of poplar suitable for building purposes and belts of dry poplar fit for fuel. The general character is undulating and where not timbered is overgrown with willow and scrub. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. 27. The east half of this township is a high dry prairie with deep rich alluvial soil varying from 15 to 30 inches of depth, with a thick growth of herbage and scrubs, but few poplar. The western half, with a similar soil, has more bluffs particularly the south and west lines. There will be sufficient timber for the first supply for settlement. On the whole it is well adapted for agricultural purposes. There is one settler in this township, on section fourteen; all the rest of the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. 28. This township may justly be divided in two parts, the east and the west half. The east half is a high dry prairie covered with willow scrubs and clumps of willows, but very few poplar of any value. The alluvial soil here is from 18 inches to 3 feet in depth. Subsoil is a yellow sandy loam containing indications of lime. The west half is more bluffy, that is to say, it has more poplar bluffs, and although of no great extent the existing timber will be of great value for the settler. Soil is as before a rich deep alluvial. This township is provided with a good drainage, and is well settled, but a few quarter sections are still open for homestead entry.

TP. 29. This township is well adapted for settlement, the soil being a heavy clay loam. The surface is rolling and well watered by numerous creeks. The north part of the township is rather low and marshy, but it is well covered with timber for fuel and building purposes. The flats along the banks of the river are beautiful hay lands. Steep Creek runs through the centre of the township in an easterly direction and drains the land thoroughly. The NE corner

east of the Assiniboine River is taken up by an Indian Reserve. The south half is well settled; there are some quarter sections in the north half open for homestead entry.

RANGE 33, WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN.

TP. (Fractional) 19. Quality of soil third class. The Little Cut Arm enters the township in section nine, leaving it in section three. The valley of the Cut Arm is about half a mile wide, and about 200 feet below the level of the plain, which is rolling prairie, rather stony and full of small ponds and marshes many of which are alkaline. There are numerous bluffs of poplar and patches of poplar and willow scrub All the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 20. General quality of soil third class. Country rolling prairie with numerous bluffs of poplar and willow, very much broken by small ponds and hay marshes. There is one settler on section thirty-six. All the rest of the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 21. This township adjoins the second meridian line, and is only a little over three miles in width. It contains a large percentage of good land and is not so badly broken up by marshes and ponds as the townships to the north and west, although there are a considerable number of ponds along its eastern portions. There is a considerable quantity of small poplar scattered all over the township. Big Cut Arm Creek flows through the township, entering on section twenty-one and flowing out on section one. It flows through a deep valley of about a quarter of a mile in width and over a hundred feet deep. The stream itself is small, being only about from 15 to 20 feet wide and from two to three feet deep. There is not much fall on it through this township, not sufficient for water power. The water is clear spring water. On the whole this may be considered a very fair township for farming purposes. This township is well settled, but there are a few quarter sections open for homestead entry.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 22. Surface is generally undulating, and sec-

tions nine, fifteen, twenty-three, twenty-seven and thirty-three are all more or less covered with brulé scrub and young poplar. The south and east parts of township have some tracts of open land free from sloughs. Section three has a nice lake in the centre and is altogether one of the prettiest sections in the district. Section thirty-five has also a pretty lake. Soil is a black sandy mould 10 to 24 inches deep on sandy clay. Grass everywhere is good, and plenty of hay. Very well suited for mixed farming. Some settlers on south of township, but a good deal of the government land is still open for homestead entry.

Tp. (Fractional) 23. A fractional township, only two miles wide. Land mostly rolling or undulating and dotted over with small meadows and low spots. A lake on sections one and two. Soil is sandy and gravelly loam three to twenty inches deep on subsoil of sandy clay. Some scattered bush on nearly all the sections, and on sections one, twelve and twenty-three some good wood and a few logs. Plenty of meadow hay and pasturage. Very few stones. All the lands suited for mixed farming. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. (Fractional) 24. A fractional township two miles wide. Undulating and dotted over with clumps of scrub. Soil is good black sandy mould 6 to 20 inches deep on clay subsoil. Numerous ponds, marshes and meadows all over and some ponds quite large. Abundance of hay in meadows and good upland grazing. Sections one and thirty-five are the best in the township. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. (Fractional) 25. The land in this township is of an excellent quality, and although broken by swamps and marshes is well adapted for settlement or grazing purposes. With the exception of a few bluffs of poplar this township is devoid of timber, but an abundant supply can be had from the townships to the west. The water in the south part is slightly alkaline. The country is undulating and mostly overgrown with willows and scrub. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 26. The land in this township is undulating and of good quality, but is much broken by swamps and marshes. There are a few bluffs of green poplar, and the country is mostly overgrown with willows and scrub, with groves of dry poplar. All the government land in this township is open for homestead entry.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 27. This township is only half a mile wide, situated east of the 102 meridian, is to its greatest extent covered with willow bushes and poplar. Soil is a rich loam but sometimes low with a good chance for drainage. There is no timber of commercial value.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 28. This township is only half a mile wide, lying east of the 102 meridian, is covered with heavy willow bushes and some large poplar trees between it. It will be a great help to the settlers in the adjoining townships. The soil itself is a rich loam with very few stones.

TP. (FRACTIONAL) 29. This township only half a mile wide, lying east of the 102 meridian, is covered with scrub. Soil is a heavy clay loam.

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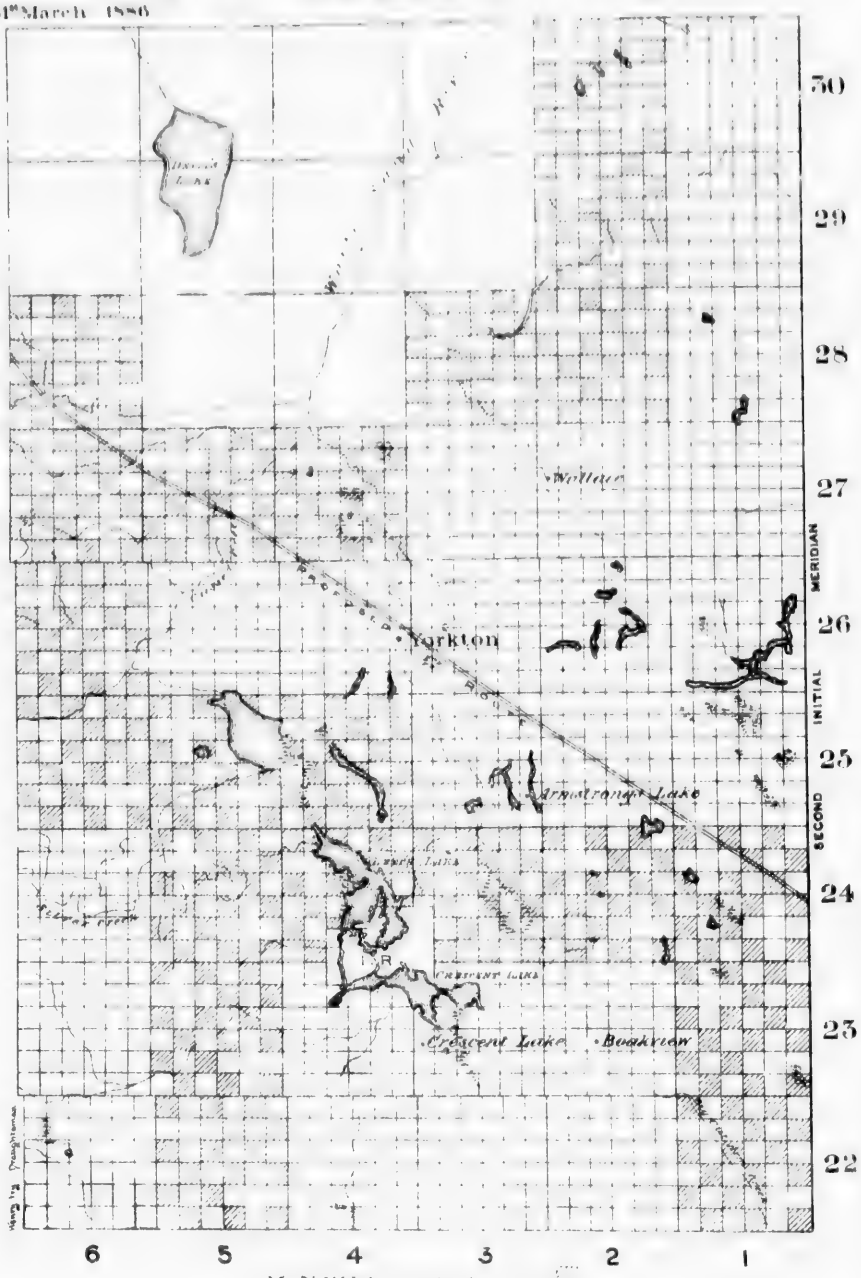

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Range 1, West of Second Meridian.

Tp. 22. The Big Cut Arm Creek, a nice stream of good spring water, flows in a south-easterly direction across this township through a broad valley 30 to 40 feet deep, with nearly impassable muskeg on each side of it and extending in places nearly to top of bank; on either side of creek land is level with good grass and dotted over with poplar groves and clumps of scrub. Soil is a sandy and gravelly loam 5 to 20 inches deep on a subsoil of very light sandy clay and in places sand. A great drawback to the usefulness of much of the land is the large number of boulders imbedded in surface. Along the creek is a narrow belt of balm of Gilead, and on the south bank considerable rail timber and fuel; all but the central sections in township are well supplied with rails and fuel. A number of settlers in township and some good locations not yet taken.

Tp. 23. This township is comparatively unbroken by sloughs, &c. There are a few ponds and marshes containing good water, and on section thirty-three there is a small and rather pretty lake, also containing good water; the surface is gently rolling to undulating, and level with some ridges and knolls. There are numerous bluffs of poplar scattered over nearly all parts of the township, affording shelter and a good supply of fuel and fencing for the use of settlers. Soil is generally a sandy loam on a subsoil varying from clay to sandy clay and sand with a little gravel in some places. The growth of grass is usually good, and around bluffs, &c., is mixed with pea-vine; on the east side there are some large tracts of good meadow excellent for stock. There are some imbedded boulders here and there. The township generally is well adapted to farming purposes, has the advantage of plenty of wood and has more than ordinary pleasing appearance. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 24. A pretty township, especially on SW part. Is undulating with here and there small knolls and ridges, and has general slope to south. Soil is a good black sandy mould 6 to 20 inches deep on subsoil of clay and sandy clay; at SW part soil becomes lighter and subsoil sand and gravel. NE part is open, the rest has scattered scrub and on south and west has some nice groves of rail timber. Hay and pasturage plentiful; nice lakes on sections seven, nine, nineteen and thirty-one, all well suited for farming. Several good homestead locations. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

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Tp. 25. Is principally level land in the northern part; in the south part the land falls principally north and west. In the south and west there is considerable water. Soil in the greater part clay loam on clay subsoil occasionally limestone gravel intermixed. In the western part there are a few small bluffs of poplar, part of which is living and part dry damaged by fire, fit for fuel and fencing purposes. Water good. In all the soil is rich and township is well suited for settlement. A great part covered with scrub.

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Tp. 26. The land is level, a great deal of water in the south and eastern parts. In the north and west parts the land falls mostly north-west. Soil mostly rich clay and black loam clay subsoil with limestone gravel mixed occasionally. In places an outcrop of boulders, coarse quartz and granite. In the northern part a few small bluffs of green poplar fit for fuel and fencing. Some small running streams, good water. This land is well situated for settlement. Great part covered with scrub.

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 27. The soil throughout this township is a rich black sandy loam varying in depth from 9 inches to 2 feet. The land north of Stony Creek is of a marshy nature, there being a great number of small lakes and marshes interspersed all over the land, and around

and among these lakes and marshes are islands and belts of poplar woods. Settlers will find no difficulty in procuring all the wood and water they will require for a great many years to come. The land to the south of Stony Creek is not so well timbered or watered, and adjoining the creek the land is considerably broken by ravines; and towards the correction line the land is a beautiful level prairie. No rocks of any kind show above the ground, except on the banks of Stony Creek, where there is a fine outcrop of limestone. The water all through this township is good and sweet.

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 28. The land is of a very wet nature, being principally lakes and marshes with poplar woods around the lakes. The soil is a rich black sandy loam, but on account of the numerous lakes and marshes the sections cannot be classed higher than second and third class. The land is valuable as wood lots, there being a great quantity of poplar suitable for building, fencing and fuel.

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 29. The surface of the land is gently undulating, and almost covered with a growth of poplar bushes, willows and poplar trees. The average depth of the alluvial soil is about 12 inches, with a clay subsoil of a yellowish color. The water found in the creeks is good and abundant. The poplar trees in the belts and islands are suitable for building purposes, fencing and fuel.

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 30. The surface of this township is gently undulating or rolling, and overgrown with poplar and willow bushes and occasional belts of poplar woods. The soil is a dark sandy loam of an average depth of 12 inches, with a yellowish sandy clay subsoil. The eastern part of the township is for the greater part covered by numerous marshes and ponds. The sections in the north end are broken by ravines and the White Sand River valley. Sheep Creek runs through part of the south end. The trail to Pelly crosses the township, also the trail to Indian Reserve.

Range 2, West of Second Meridian.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 22. This township in the most part covered with poplar, the largest about ten inches diameter. There are a great number of small lakes or marshes over the whole of this township. There are a few settlers in the north half of this township.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 23. This township consists of prairie land of very good quality, with quite a number of marshes. The south-eastern part has considerable bush. The land is to a great extent first class and well fitted for settlement. The soil is slightly gravelly but not to injure its fertility; in fact it is well fitted for agricultural purposes. Boakview P.O. is on section sixteen. This township is well settled.

Tp. 24. This township is principally rolling prairie and well watered, having two lakes, one situated at the north-east upon sections thirty-five and thirty-six, and the other at the south-east upon sections one and twelve. The waters of these lakes are good and abound in fish. There are also several ponds throughout the township, the waters of which are generally of an alkaline nature. There is but one creek of any size, that which crosses in a south-westerly direction sections four, five and six. The east quarter of the township is of light sandy loam, and the remainder of good heavy clay loam. The whole of the land is well suited for farming purposes, being easily drainable. The timber in this township is confined to the east side, and to sections thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five and thirty-six on the north. It is generally of small size, in most cases only suitable for fencing and fuel. On sections thirty-five and thirty-six, however, some timber is fitted for building purposes. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 25. In the eastern part clay loam, clay subsoil, with limestone gravel, covered with scrub willow, land falling principally north-west. In the western part good deal sandy loam, sandy subsoil,

also a few limestone gravel ridges; land fair, falling south-east. Water good, except part of a lake in sections one and two, which is very bitter. A great deal of timber in eastern and western parts, green and dry poplar fit for building, fuel, and fencing purposes, in place injured by fire. This township is also well suited for settlement.

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 26. There is considerable water in this township. The soil is extra good, principally black clay loam, clay subsoil; in places sandy loam, sandy subsoil. A few small running creeks in the northern part, water good. There is occasionally a mixture of limestone gravel. Some bluffs of poplar, the greater part dry and injured by fire, fit for fuel and fencing purposes. Some boulders, coarse quartz and granite. Land falling principally west and north-west. This township is well suited for settlement. A great portion covered with scrub.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 27. The soil throughout this township is a rich black sandy loam of a depth varying from 9 inches to 2 feet, lying upon a gravelly subsoil. The surface of the country is gently undulating or low rolling prairie, interspersed with islands and belts of poplar woods. The trees in the bluffs are about from 4 to 8 inches in diameter. No rocks of any kind show on the surface. There is a fine creek of fresh water, which flows across the township from section number two to section thirty. The water throughout the township in lakes and creeks is good and sweet. Altogether it is a first class township for agricultural purposes. Wallace P.O. is on section nineteen. This township is well settled, there being only a few quarter sections open for homestead entry.

Tp. 28. Rolling prairie, with numerous lakes and marshes and poplar bluffs. The soil is a rich black loam, from 9 inches to 2 feet in depth. Gravelly subsoil. The water in the lakes is good and sweet, and it is a good township for settlement. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 29. The surface of this township is gently undulating and overgrown in places with small poplar and brushwood. The soil is a sandy loom, of an average depth of 12 inches, with a reddish clay subsoil. The trail from Qu'Appelle to Pelly runs across the township in a north-easterly direction. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Tp. 30. The surface is gently undulating, with a soil of an average depth of 12 inches, with a dark yellowish clay subsoil. The northern half of the township is, to a considerable extent, overgrown with poplar, generally of small growth, and contains numerous ponds and marshes, with a few lakes. The south-east quarter is not so thickly overgrown as the north half, and the south-west quarter still less so. Timber can be had for building purposes, and for fencing and fuel. All the government land is open for homestead entry.

Range 3, West of Second Meridian.

Montreal and Western Colonization Company.

Tp. 22. The soil is of a good quality, being a rich clay loam. There are no running streams but numerous marshes and small ponds. The north half is well settled, but there are a good many sections open for homestead entry in the south half.

The Montreal & Western Colonization Company.—This Company's tract consists of townships 20 and 21, range 1; township 21, range 2; townships 21 and 22, range 3; and township 22, range 4—six towbships in all. Their local headquarters are at Kinbrae, on section 20, township 21, range 1. The soil throughout their tract is sandy loam. The country is rolling and park-like in appearance. The trees are not as a rule of a large size, but serve the purposes required by the settlers. The tract was selected by the Company as containing the three essentials of wood, water and good soil

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 23. The greater part of this township is covered with willows and poplar, the latter varying from 1 inch to 12 inches in diameter.

There is sufficient timber to supply the settlers with fuel and fencing and building timber for many years to come. The soil is excellent, being a black loam, and in some places a dark sandy loam resting on a subsoil of whitish clay. There is a superabundant supply of water of comparatively good quality, and there is also a large quantity of good hay land, but the surface of the land is very much broken by large marshes. Crescent Lake P.O is on section eighteen.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LAND AND HOMESTEAD COMPANY, incorporated in 1882 as a colonization company, has a tract of land consisting of townships 25 to 30 in range 1; township 26 in range 2; and township 23 in ranges 3 and 4. This Company has its headquarters for the district at Crescent Lake on section eighteen. They have a store, &c., here.

TP. 24. This township is mostly rolling prairie, but contains several muskegs, two of which are of large size, and are situated respectively in sections eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-three and twenty-four, and in sections five, six, seven, eight, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen. Through the former a swift creek, varying in width from half a chain to 2 chains, runs in a northerly direction and empties into the Little White Sand River. The water of this creek is of good quality, varies in depth from 2 to 6 feet and has a gravel bottom. Its slight improvement by straightening and deepening at certain points would suffice to drain the muskeg through which it runs. The other muskeg partakes of the nature of drowned land, as the sections on which it is situated are very level, and are overflowed every spring by the waters of the Little White Sand River, which runs northward through the northern tier of sections of this township. The water of this river is very good in quality and abounds in fish. The current is strong, running at the rate of six miles an hour. It is of an average width of two chains and has a mud bottom. The rest of the land in this township consists of good sandy loam. Timber is only found upon the west side of section eighteen and on sections nineteen, thirty and thirty-one, that upon eighteen being fit only for fuel, that on nineteen consisting of a growth of thick young poplar and willow, which has followed the destruction by fire of the large timber; and that on

thirty and thirty-one being poplar fit for fencing and fuel. All the government land is open for entry.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 25. In this township the soil is in the greater part sandy loam with sandy subsoil, in places black clay loam clay subsoil. Considerable water in the south and east parts, a large stream, a tributary of the White Sand River, flows north-westerly through the west part of the township; the water in general is good. There are also other small creeks with good water. Some dry and green poplar fit for fuel and fencing purposes. Not much scrub. Land in north part rolling, and south part level. Well suited for settlement. Armstrong's Lake P.O. is on section twelve. This township is well settled, but there are a few sections still open for homestead entry.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 26. This is all rolling prairie, not much marsh or water, except numerous small running creeks with good water. Soil black clay and sandy loam, clay and sand for subsoil. A good deal of limestone gravel. All prairie, soil very rich and suited for agriculture. This township is well settled, only two half sections being open for homestead entry.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 27. The greater portion of this township is level prairie, slightly undulating in the southerly part. There are a great many marshes with water 1 to 4 feet deep, and grown up with rank grass. There is a good creek running through the southerly part and another through the north-east part of the township. The water in the creeks and marshes is good. The soil is a dark rich clay loam about 2 feet deep with a clay subsoil, well suited for the growth of grain. The only timber of any value are some poplar groves on the eastern side. There is a great deal of scrub brush and thick willows in the east and north-east part of the township. The south

half is well settled, but in the north half there are about five sections still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 28. The greater portion of the land in this township is broken by short low irregular ridges of a light sandy soil, and by numerous grass marshes and swamps. The township is thus less adapted for grain growing than for stock farming, the low land being well watered by streams, ponds and marshes. Would furnish abundance of hay and pasturage. Two streams pass through this township. One, averaging about 50 feet wide, enters the township on the south boundary of section two, and crossing in a north-west direction leaves it again on the north boundary of section thirty-one, passing through sections two, three, ten, nine, sixteen, twenty-one, twenty, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two and thirty-one. The other stream enters the township at the north-east angle as a marshy stream 2 feet to 3 feet deep, and with scarcely any perceptible current, and passes in this form through sections thirty-six, twenty-five, twenty-three and twenty-six to near the line between sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, where it is crossed by the cart trail from Fort Pelly to Qu'Appelle, near which point it changes into a rapid streamlet averaging about 15 feet wide and 1½ feet deep, and passing through sections twenty-eight, twenty-nine, twenty-seven and thirty-two joins the aforementioned stream in section twenty-nine. The water in both these streams, and throughout the township generally, is sweet and good. The soil on the high lands is light and sandy, with the exception of a small area near the centre of the township which is of a very fair quality, being a black loam. The swamps and marsh lands would require draining before they could be cultivated to advantage. About one third of the surface of the land is swamp and marsh, one third covered with poplar woods, willow and hazel, suitable for building purposes, fences and fuel, but not large enough for saw milling, and the remainded rolling prairie, scrub and brush.

Tp. 29. Not sub-divided.

Tp. 30. Not sub-divided.

Range 4, West of Second Meridian.

Montreal and Western Colonization Company.

Tp. 22. About two-thirds of this township is rolling prairie. It is watered by a stream running north through the centre. The soil is a light sandy loam. There are about six settlers in this township

Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

Tp. 23. There is sufficient timber in this township for purposes of settlement, but it is not large enough to be manufactured into sawed lumber. Poplar is the only kind to be met with. Section thirty-four contains the largest timber in the township; sections thirty thirty-one and thirty-two are nearly destitute of timber. The soil in this township is very fertile. All the timber growing in this township will be required for local purposes.

Tp. 24. Leech Lake, a body of water about thirteen (13) square miles in area, is situated almost entirely within the township. Its waters are good and full of fish. The north-easterly and south shores of this lake are comparatively high, ranging from 2 to 6 feet above high water level, while the westerly and south-easterly shores are low, the adjoining lands being flooded at the season of high water. A creek of 50 feet in width crosses sections thirty-one and thirty-two, and one of 8 feet runs through sections six, five and four, both emptying into the west side of the lake. The land, with exception of portions bordering the westerly and south-easterly shores of the lake, is of a rolling character, and consists generally of good clay loam—well fitted for farming. The greater part of the timber in this township is found to the east and north-east of Leech Lake, with small patches on sections six, seven, eighteen and nineteen, and smaller clumps scattered throughout the remaining sections. That to the north-east, viz: on sections twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, and thirty-six, is heavy poplar, generally suitable for building and fence timber. On the west portions of sections six and seven a young growth of poplar is found, fit only for fuel, while on sections

seven, eight and nineteen, and elsewhere as above noted, poplar suitable for fencing and fuel is met with. All the government land is open for entry.

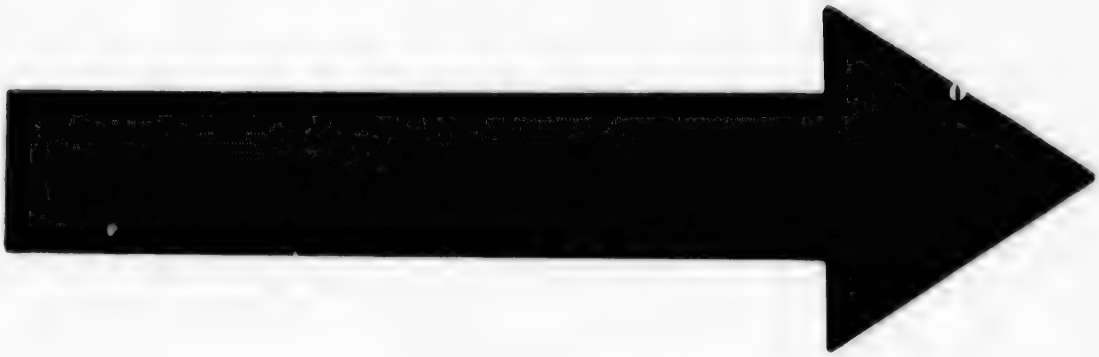
Tp. 25. The soil is rich clay and sandy loam, clay and sand for subsoil. In parts undulating, and in other parts level. There is a great deal of water in this township, which is very good. The timber is composed of large dry and green poplar, part injured by fire, averaging from 16 to 18 inches in diameter. Along the south-east shore of the lake, which lies nearly in the centre of the township, there is splendid green poplar and balm of Gilead timber, which is fit for lumbering, building, fuel and fencing purposes. This township is well adapted for settlement. Only a few settlers in this township; plenty of good government land yet open for entry.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 26. The soil is rich clay and sandy loam, clay and sand for subsoil. Tributary of the White Sand River flows through the eastern part of this township; in places there is some large green poplar on its banks; its current is very swift. There are also some swamps with good water. The timber is principally in sections three, eight, nineteen, thirty and thirty-two, which averages from 18 to 20 inches in diameter, some dry and injured by fire, but the greater part green poplar and Balm of Gilead, and is fit for lumbering, fuel and fencing purposes. The land is in parts undulating, and in other parts level. This township is in every way well adapted for settlement. Yorkton P.O. is on section thirteen. Nearly all the government land in this township is entered for.

The York Farmers' Colonization Company has its local headquarters at Yorkton, where there is a store, P.O., large stone flour mill, saw mill, brick factory, etc. Their tract of land consists of townships 22, 23 and 27 in Range 2; townships 25, 26 and 27 in range 3; and township 26 in ranges 4 and 5—eight townships in all, and their land is well settled with a good class of Ontario and Scotch farmers.

Tp. 27. Level prairie. The soil is a sandy loam, of fair quality.



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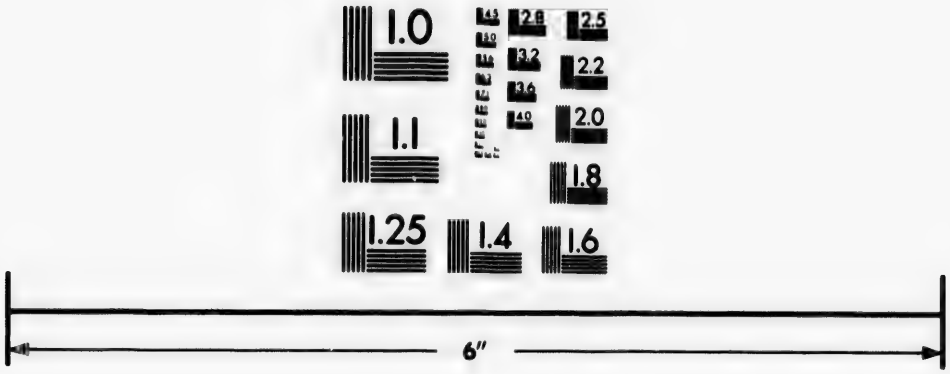

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The White Sand River runs through the township in a northerly direction; numerous marshes; a good deal of thick willow and scrub. The trail from Qu'Appelle to Fort Pelly runs diagonally through from south-east to north-west. A few settlers in the south half; all the rest of the government land is open for entry.

TP. 28. Not sub-divided.

TP. 29. Not sub-divided.

TP. 30. Not sub-divided.

RANGE 5, WEST OF SECOND MERIDIAN.

TP. 22. Undulating prairie, without any running stream. Soil is a sandy loam. All the government land is open for entry.

TP. 23. The north-west quarter is nearly destitute of timber. The remainder is thickly dotted over with groves of poplar and willow, affording a plentiful supply of fuel; but the poplar is scarcely large enough for building purposes. A limited supply can, however, be found for small buildings. There is good hay land and also a plentiful supply of water. Soil—from 5 to 8 inches deep, with a sandy loam subsoil. All the government land is open for entry.

TP. 24. This township is composed of rolling and comparatively dry land, the soil consistiug principally of sandy loam well suited for farming. But few ponds of any size are found. Two creeks, each about an average width of one chain, one running northward through the westerly tier of sections, and the other eastward from the centre of the north half of the township to the eastern boundary. Slight improvements to these creeks would suffice to drain the township effectually. Upon sections one, two, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-nine and thirty-six timber suitable for building is found. That in sections seven, nine, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-one and elsewhere is only fit for fencing and fuel. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 25. Rolling prairie, with two small islands of wood. It contains part of a large lake, besides a large quantity of other lakes and marshes. Soil fairly good. All the government land is open for entry.

York Farmers' Colonization Company.

Tp. 26. Rolling prairie, with bluffs of poplar, willows and scrub, broken by numerous marshes. Three or four creeks run through the township. The soil throughout is rich, sandy loam. There are a few settlers in this township, but a good deal of land is still open for homestead entry.

Tp. 27. Level prairie, with good soil. Thickly dotted with clumps of timber and broken by marshes. Abundance of good water and hay.

Tp. 28. Not sub-divided.

Tp. 29. Not sub-divided. Devil's Lake is partly in this township.

Tp. 30. Not sub-divided. Devil's Lake is partly in this township.

Range 6, West of Second Meridian.

Tp. 22. This township is wholly prairie. Soil light and gravelly, watered by several small streams which in ordinary seasons would be dry. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 23. This township is rolling prairie with occasional clumps of poplar. The soil is rich in many places, but is a gravelly loam on the summits of the small hills. There is only fuel sufficient to supply a limited number of settlers for a season or two. Timber for building purposes could be procured at the Beaver Hills. There is a plentiful supply of good water. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 24. This township is mostly rolling land, intersected through-

out by creeks of fair size, by which the required drainage is effected. The soil is a light sandy loam of fair quality, and well adapted for farming. This township is fairly well wooded, building timber being found in the northern portions of sections seven, eight, nine and ten, and the southern portions of sections fifteen, sixteen, seventeen and eighteen, and also upon sections twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three and thirty-four, while upon sections one, two, nine, eleven, twelve and nineteen and elsewhere timber fit for fencing and fuel is to be had. All the government lands are open for entry.

Tp. 25. Rolling prairie, with the exception of two or three small islands of wood. The land is pretty good. The township is traversed obliquely by the Fort Pelly trail. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 26. Rolling prairie, with bluffs of poplar, willow and scrub. There are two or three creeks containing good water, and several marshes. The soil is sandy loam. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 27. Level prairie, dotted with poplar bluffs and broken by marshes. A branch of the White Sand River flows through the southerly portion of the township. The soil is sandy loam, and well adapted for tillage. Sufficient timber for the requirements of settlers. All the government land is open for entry.

Tp. 28. This township is broken by the north branch of the White Sand River, which enters it on the west limit of section thirty-one, and crossing it in a south-easterly direction leaves it again on the east boundary of section one, passing through sections thirty, nineteen, twenty, seventeen, eight, nine, ten, three, eleven, two and one. The valley through which it runs is about half a mile wide. The river is from 45 feet to two chains in width, the depth of the water varying from 2 feet to 10 feet, and the height of the banks from 50 feet to 80 feet. Another small stream crosses sections seven and eight, with banks similar to those of the White Sand River. The surface of the township not broken by the White Sand

River and the stream last mentioned is gently rolling land covered to a great extent with thick willows, brush, scrub and bluffs of poplar and balm of Gilead, and a few grass marshes. The soil is light and sandy, especially along the banks of the river, which are little more than sand-banks covered with a thin layer of vegetable mould. The timber is small. The township could be used to some advantage for grazing purposes. All the government land is open for entry.

TP. 29. Not sub-divided.

TP. 30. Not sub-divided.

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